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TRUMP SLAPS ANTI-DUMPING DUTY ON INDIA; CHINA SPARED

The Donald Trump administration on Friday imposed steep new tariffs on $2 bn in aluminium imports from 18 countries

353% TARIFF FOR GERMANY, 48% FOR INDIA

Germany and Brazil face the steepest tariffs of close to 353% and 137%, respectively. India faces up to 48% tariff. US Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross said China is not on the list. "What's really been happening is Chinese excess capacity has been dumped into other markets. That, in turn, displaces production which gets dumped here," he explained

LEVY COLLECTION TO START IMMEDIATELY

- The US will immediately begin collecting the tariffs from importers, the Commerce Department said
- "Most countries impacted by the pandemic are becoming more protectionist and are trying to shut out imports on one pretext or the other," said Biswajit Dhar, economics professor at JNU | **P12**

$123 bn

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Vaccine: State maps PHCs, anganwadis

Bengaluru: The state government has started mapping PHCs, anganwadis and community health centres for vaccination, once the Covid vaccine is made available. **P3**

Peace Nobel for World Food Programme

Niamey (Niger): The World Food Programme won the Nobel Peace Prize on Friday for its efforts to combat hunger in regions facing conflict and hardship during the pandemic. **P11**

Priest killed by land grabbers in Rajasthan

Jaipur: A priest died after being set on fire allegedly by five people who wanted to encroach on temple land in Rajasthan's Karauli district, police said on Friday. **P10**

RBI: Economic revival possible next year

FY21 contraction to be 9.5%: GDP growth in Q1 of FY22 pegged at 20%; second Covid wave may hit projections

SUNITHA NATTI

THE Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is done punching numbers. Its official read on the economy — the first since the coronavirus outbreak — shows India's real GDP growth to first contract 9.5% in FY21, but rebound to score a perfect 10% in FY22. But, as uncertainty of the virus spread continues to fog the outlook, all forecasts are pretty much down to the wire.

According to RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das, the disastorous phase is behind us. Meaning, the sudden and steep contraction like 23.9% seen in Q1 is over and growth rates will regain their model behaviour hereon.

The central bank's projections pursued three scenarios — benign, baseline, and adverse. Taken together, GDP could contract 7.5-11.5% in FY21, but rebound by 7.2-11.6% in FY22.

The big cheese is that, regardless of the scenario, growth is bound to recover in 2021, though much will depend on investments, consumer spending, monsoon, exports, global growth, and of course some good luck and fortune.

All this is subject to avoiding a second wave of infections, and it's unclear if RBI modelled such a scenario where the 'deathly grip of the virus' invokes future lockdowns or delays re-opening of the economy.

In Q2, growth may shrink 9.8%, followed by an even modest 5.6% contraction in Q3 and eventually recover to 0.5% in Q4. If everything goes by the script, real GDP growth in Q1 of FY22 will be an unprecedented 20.6%.

Notwithstanding the overwhelming evidence pointing to recovery, the question on the pace of reboud remains. Will it be a V, U, W, L or K-shaped? Das believes it could be a 3-speed recovery. First layer includes sectors opening up early like agriculture and allied activities, FMCG goods and auto to an extent. Second includes those where activity is normalising gradually followed by third comprising 'slog overs,' or those entities severly affected by social distancing norms.

With agriculture outlook remaining robust, it's expected to boost rural demand and consumption may go up in Q3. **CONTINUED ON: P12**

MPC keeps key rates unchanged

RBI has kept key interest rates unchanged. The six-member Monetary Policy Committee voted unanimously to retain repo rate at 4%, while keeping its policy stance accommodative

DAL DELIGHT

A girl enjoys participating in the three-day water sports event, Jashen-e-Dal, organised by J&K Police at Dal Lake after three years, in Srinagar on Friday | PTI

Schools won't open till all views are taken, says CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

AMID growing concerns over opening of educational institutions, Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa on Friday sought to allay fears saying that the State Government will not go ahead with reopening schools without consulting experts and officials.

"It's a matter of children's health. The government will consult experts, political leaders and officials to discuss all the pros and cons. Only then we will decide on reopening schools. Till then, one should not heed to any sort of rumours," the CM said in a statement. At a time when Covid-19 cases are increasing, there is much debate on reopening of schools and leaders of various political parties have also put forth their opinion, he said.

The Union Home Ministry, in its recent Unlock 5.0 guidelines, had allowed reopening of schools in a graded manner after October 15.

Primary and Secondary Education Minister S Suresh Kumar too insisted that the Education Department is in no hurry to reopen schools. "Children's health is important. This is not a prestige issue, safety is our priority," he said.

He pointed out that the opinions of lawmakers had been sought and many, including Opposition leader Siddaramaiah had already written in. Health Minister B Sriramulu will also discuss with Health Department officials and give his opinion. **P7**

Chargesheet against 8 activists over Maoist links

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Mumbai/New Delhi

THE National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Friday filed a second supplementary chargesheet in the Bhima Koregaon-Elgar Parishad case against eight persons, including 83-year-old Jesuit priest Father Stan Swamy, who was arrested on Thursday evening.

The 10,000-page chargesheet filed in a Mumbai court also names Delhi University associate professor Hany Babu, Goa Institute of Management professor Anand Teltumbde, activists Gautam Navlakha and Milind Teltumbde and members of cultural group Kabir Kala Manch — Jyoti Jagtap, Sagar Gorkhe and Ramesh Gaichor.

All eight activists have been charged with waging war against the country, conspiring with other accused to further the Maoist ideology, encouraging lawless activities and criminal conspiracy under various sections of the Indian Penal Code and the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act.

Barring Milind Teltumbde, who is absconding, all other accused are in jail. Stan Swamy, the 16th person to be arrested in the case, was remanded in judicial custody till October 23 by a special NIA court in Mumbai on Friday. He will be in Taloja jail in Maharashtra along with the other accused.

Navlakha, according to the NIA, was in touch with Pakistan's spy agency ISI. He was allegedly mobilising intellectuals against the Union government and was also recruiting people for the CPI-Maoist. **P9**

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• Nakshatra: Punarvasu 8:40 pm • Moon in Karkataka Rashi • Rahukaala: 09:00 am to 10:30am
• Gulikakala: 06:00 am to 07:30 am • Yamaganda: 01:49 pm to 03:26 pm

WEATHER WATCH
MIN 20°C | MAX 28°C
FORECAST
Thunderstorms. Breaks of sun late

Sunrise 6.09 am
Sunset 6.03 pm
Moonrise 12.05 pm
Moonset 12.57 am

Five stations can't hop on to suburban train

Likely to be included in Phase II of project

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

THE Rs 15,767-crore dedicated Suburban Railway Project, given the green signal by the Union Cabinet a couple of days ago, will have 57 stations. Five stations lost out the opportunity to be part of Phase-I of the network, as the state government and Railways felt they are in the vicinity of other stations or less densely populated to warrant separate stations.

The stations that lost out in the 148.17-km network are Srirampura, R V Road, Jalahalli, Cauvery Nagar and Bommasandra. They are likely to be included in Phase-II of the project.

Railway sources said that the final Detailed Project Report submitted by the consultancy firm, Rail India Technical and Engineering Services (RITES), in November 2019 had 62 stations. It was asked to revise the report and drop Nelamangala from the Baiyappanahalli-Chikkabanavara line which led to the proposed 160 km stretch being slashed to 148.17-km, a source explained.

After several rounds of talks between Railways and the Directorate of Urban Land Transport, officials decided to remove these five stations. "The report submitted in January 2019 and a revised one in July 2019 for Rs 18,611 crore (later revised to Rs 15,767 crore in March 2020) had only 52 stations," an official explained.

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> Railway official

On R V Road station, officials felt that Kengeri station, which is nearby, can cater to the requirements. "In the case of Bommasandra, Jalahalli, Cauvery Nagar and Srirampura, it was felt that the population in the vicinity of the railway station was not sufficient to set up separate stations," an official said.

But these stations may find a place in Phase-II of the corridor which aims to connect Bengaluru with Bangarpet, Tumakuru, Chikaballapur, Mandya and Dodaballapur, he said.

The present report has proposed 35 at grade stations and 27 elevated ones. It suggests 15 stations along the Krantivira Sangolli Rayanna-Yesvantpur-Yelahanka-Devanahalli-Kempe Gowda International Airport (41.4 km); 14 along the Baiyappanahalli-Banaswadi-Lottegehalli-Whitefield-Yesvantpur-Chikkabanavara (25.01 km); nine on the Kengeri-Cantonment-Whitefield (35.52 km) and 19 on the Heelalige-Baiyappanahalli-Channasandra-Yelahanka-Rajanakunte (46.24 km).

BU Registrar accuses V-C of not allowing her to work

PEARL MARIA DSOUZA
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A pitched battle is being fought at Bangalore University with Vice-Chancellor K C Venugopal and Registrar (Administration) K Jyothi squabbling over authority. A miffed Jyothi has now complained to Governor Vajubhai Vala, who is chancellor of universities, that the V-C is not allowing her to work.

Jyothi, who is an IAS-grade officer, joined the university in June. In her complaint, she alleged that the V-C is acting in violation of the Bangalore University Act by undermining the office of the registrar and asking her only to follow his decisions.

Jyothi said that when she issues notices to employees, the V-C withdraws them and she fears that Venugopal is provoking the employees' union to threaten her.

She has sought protection for her family, who live in the university quarters.

She said that the VC is acting in contravention of Syndicate decisions, which are final.

She alleged that teaching and non-teaching staff are being promoted illegally.

At UVCE, non-teaching staff was asked to be considered as teaching staff and additional payments were released. But the university-appointed advocates did not defend the institute in court, and the high court ruled in favour of the non-teaching staff, she pointed out.

The V-C is ignoring legal advisors of the university, causing losses running into lakhs. Apart from the Governor, she has also written to the Chief Secretary and additional secretaries.

Bangalore University Vice-Chancellor Venugopal told TNIE that the allegations are baseless and that no one is above the Syndicate, whose decisions have to be followed.

COME RAIN, COME SHINE

Umbrella overhead, the two-wheeler riders zip past traffic despite the downpour in the city on Friday evening | VINOD KUMAR T

SWAMIH Fund to aid 11 housing projects in B'luru

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @
Bengaluru

IRFAN A Kazi, Chief Investment Officer, SWAMIH Fund, SBICAP Ventures, on Friday said they were working on funding 11 projects in the city to ensure that home buyers are not affected.

He was speaking to the media at an interaction organised by Mantri Developers here. Mantri Serenity on Kanakapura Road is the first project to receive SWAMIH funding. The project was to be completed in August and now with the funding, will be completed in 12-18 months. Of the 2,700 houses, 352 have been delivered and 1,182 are unsold.

He said a fund of Rs 25,000 crore has been sanctioned and available from the Centre to help builders complete their projects on time. He accepted that in most projects where funding has been sought, the buyers have approached the RERA courts for relief and asserted that the funding is only for completion of the project and not for paying penalties and compensations to buyers.

SWAMIH (Special Window for Affordable and Mid Income Housing) is a Central fund to help construct over 60,000 houses across India.

Kazi said the funding is given after a scrutiny of the project, the builder must have all clearances before seeking funding. He also pointed out that the environmental clearance that is obtained gets a year-long extension when the project is being funded by SWAMIH. The funding is given to projects which are construction ready,

BESCOM disconnects power to STP at BDA flat

S LALITHA @Bengaluru

AN electricity bill of a whopping Rs 4.1 lakh that had accumulated as arrears for the Sewage Treatment Plant operated at BDA's Alur Housing Project over 24 months forced BESCOM to disconnect power connection to the plant earlier this week.

Residents of these flats protested against the disconnection inside the Bangalore Development Authority office a couple of days ago seeking assistance.

Nearly 1,400 of 1504 flats of the Alur project were allotted to the Economically Weaker Sections in Alur at subsidized rates two years ago. "Anywhere between 500 families have already occupied the flats. A STP that can treat up to .5 Million Litres of Sewage water per day was installed in its premises," a senior BDA official explained. The treated water is used for gardening and other cleaning purposes, he added.

K T Gangaraju, Executive Engineer, BESCOM, Nelamangala Division, told TNIE, "The monthly bill for the STP is about Rs 16,000, and has not been paid for 24 months now. It has accumulated to Rs 4.1 lakh. In addition to that, unpaid bills of vacant houses (minimum monthly bill) works out to Rs 3 lakh. After repeatedly asking them to pay up, we disconnected the power on October 5."

This is the first time BESCOM has done it in this area, Gangaraju added. "Some houses with occupants too default on the bills on and off, but after personal assurances they would pay up, we keep giving them power supply," he said.

A BDA official said, "Payment of STP bills is the responsibility of the housing society they have formed after they moved in. However, since they belong to the economically weaker section and since many houses are still occupied, we are mulling collection of around Rs 250 every month from each house and paying it to BESCOM. The amount will go down when more houses are occupied."

BESCOM appears keen on restoring power only after the bills are settled.

EXPRESS READ

Programme to aid city's women entrepreneurs

Bengaluru: The Global Alliance for Mass Entrepreneurship (GAME) and the Association of Women Entrepreneurs of Karnataka (AWAKE) has announced a programme, titled Xcelerator Bengaluru, to support 20 women-owned enterprises in Karnataka. The programme will support such businesses every six months in Bengaluru to enable them to grow through formal learning programmes and mentoring. It will be co-designed and led by industry experts and past and current bureaucrats among others. One can apply for the first cohort of Xcelerator Bengaluru at: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf23WjkKJ9UDTEP2Z

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

10th October: Saturday is a day for making lists, planning ahead and getting some clarity into our dreams. If you want to sit down with business partners and family members to sort out the next six months, then now is a fine time to do so. And, if you don't, no problem. Saturday will be here again next week. As astrologers are fond of saying, 'what goes around comes around'.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Although your sociable stars are reasonably strong during the day, by the evening you may be inclined to spend a little time by yourself. You'll be better off mixing with a few intimate companions than in a large group. That way you can preserve your freedom - and can leave when you're ready.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
A little self-promotion would be perfectly in place today, so no self-doubt, please. Chance discussions could provoke an emotional reaction, and the facts which are revealed, perhaps by accident, will point towards a fresh understanding of your place in the world.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
You're definitely swinging towards a much more money-conscious phase. The emphasis, though, should be on spending cash, or at least putting it to good use. You'll do fine just as long as you scrape enough together to finance any fashionable plans. Before you borrow from a friend, check whether there are any strings attached.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Don't lose your temper or give way to passions of a negative nature. There is too much to gain from talking to people, allowing them to speak for themselves, and forming a new and deeper emotional bond with a loved one. You will come to thank yourself for your restraint.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
If anything, your dreams seem to be growing stronger, which means that any area of life which thrives on outright and colourful fantasy will benefit. The choices are between fashion, glamour and mysticism, or perhaps a combination of the three.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
Stay busy and keep active. There's a chance of a spot of overtime, and even in the world of routine chores you may be giving your all. The best social encounters will be based around good conversation, which could become more intense than expected.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
There seems to be some question about what you think should be done at work and what you feel should happen at home. Consider the issues carefully, but accept that both for you and your partners, long-term family interests may now come first. You might have to do some serious thinking.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
You must now realise that other people are more strong-willed than expected. One very special partner will show that they have a mind of their own. You should accept that change is inevitable, and attempt to guide it positively and wisely. It's the least that you owe yourself.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
You could be quite active, not always with matters of your own choosing. Cash is important to your thinking, and you'll have a number of hunches as to what should happen next. Try spending a little extra cash to support your fantasies, for that might be only the way to see if there's any chance of a dream coming true.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Friends and acquaintances will have a lot of good ideas, some of them quite remarkably profound. Your feelings will be very easily manipulated, so you may be in a rather vulnerable, if enjoyable, position. Actually, you're about to come up with some stunning ideas yourself, so bide your time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
You do seem to have done very well so far and, having made certain important decisions, you should now press ahead and put them into action. Also, please pay as much attention as is necessary to getting into physical shape. After all, a healthy body makes for a healthy mind - as you know!

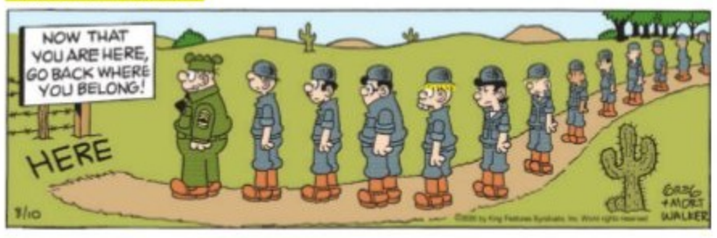
PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
Planets representing your intellect and instincts are aligned with sectors of your chart signifying creativity, the higher mind and inspired proposals. It goes without saying that your ideas and suggestions are remarkable, but whether others agree is another matter!

THE PHANTOM

I SUPPOSE YOU'VE BEEN WATCHING ME THESE LAST FEW HOURS!
TO BE CERTAIN YOU WEREN'T FOLLOWED...
ON PURPOSE!?
I DON'T KNOW YOU WELL ENOUGH TO SAY YOU'D NEVER TRADE ME FOR SOMETHING YOU WANTED.
OR DIDN'T LEAD ANYONE HERE ON PURPOSE.
YOU COULD BE IN THE CUSTODY OF ANY NUMBER OF GOVERNMENTS BY NOW...

HI AND LOIS

BEETLE BAILEY



BLONDIE

MAKE A NOTE FOR THE NEXT FOURTH OF JULY...
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SWITCH BACK TO USING REAL FIREWORKS!
YEAH...OUR "ALEXA" IDEA IS A DUD!
I've found your fireworks! BOOM! KABLOOEY!
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Test your number crunching skill with our unique puzzle

SUDOKU

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1	7		8	2		3		
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	3	7				9	8	
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		4	9		2			
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EASY

- Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.
- Each sudoku has a unique solution that can be reached logically without guessing.

Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

2	5	9	1	8	6	4	7	3
7	1	4	5	2	3	8	9	6
6	8	3	4	9	7	2	5	1
9	4	6	8	7	1	3	2	5
1	3	5	2	6	9	7	8	4
8	2	7	3	5	4	6	1	9
4	7	8	6	1	5	9	3	2
5	6	2	9	3	8	1	4	7
3	9	1	7	4	2	5	6	8

JUMBLE THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME
By David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

NSYNU
LIOGO
DUEDHL
CNEJTI

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Ans. here: ( ) ( ) ( )

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: LIVID FRONT IMPOSE WITHIN
Answer: She had everything she needed to apply a coat of lacquer to the table and would — FINISH IT

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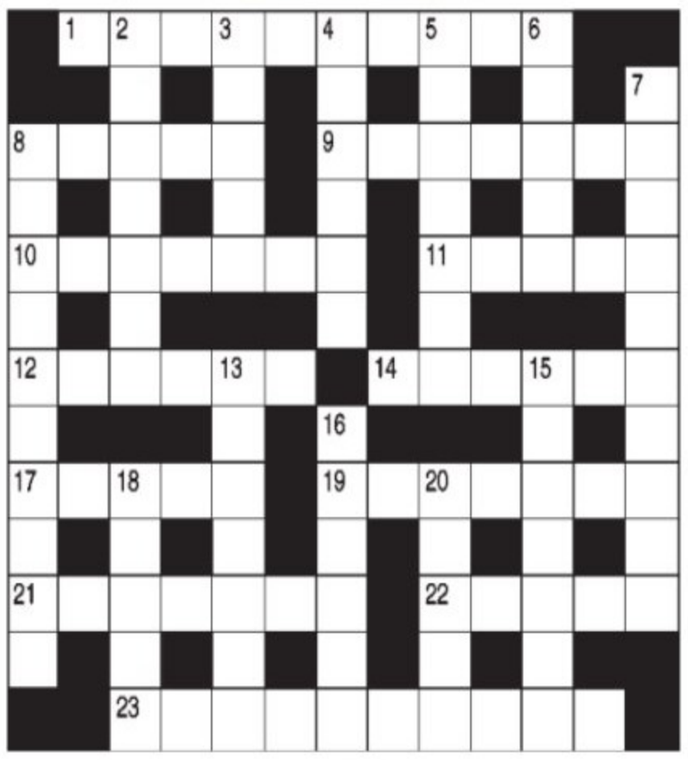
CROSS WORD



ACROSS

1 Colourful views may be represented in great rally (3,7)
8 Film studios care about this award (5)
9 Solidly built huts can fall into disrepair (7)
10 Thomas's initial motive for betrayal (7)
11 Difficult question for a model (5)
12 Lobbies for yes, perhaps (6)
14 Decide to stay (6)
17 Pound sign (5)
19 To succeed it must follow her in first (7)
21 Shock-absorbing device with a comfortable advantage (7)
22 A win not for the first time (5)
23 A number copy a restriction (10)

DOWN

1 Hardest part of the garden to cultivate (7)
3 Initial forms of harmful micro-organisms (5)
4 What is wrong in a record being beaten? (6)
5 Former liberal creates a precedent (7)
6 Tugs from North America? (5)
7 Boy not getting up for a dance (10)
8 Unfit so not in the first three (3,2,5)
13 A matter-of-fact doctrine is dividing the kingdom (7)
15 Ran round in the commotion caused by the storm (7)
16 Bird having caught fifty fish (6)
18 He is a pound out on reflection (5)
20 Centre of the earth (5)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Abroad, 4 Impair, 9 Soprani, 10 Deals, 11 Seedy, 12 Tellers, 13 Abstract art, 18 Minaret, 20 Title, 22 Trail, 23 Only one, 24 Cheers, 25 Myopia.

Down: 1 Assisi, 2 Rupee, 3 Analyst, 5 Model, 6 Amateur, 7 Resist, 8 Distraction, 14 Bandage, 15 Totally, 16 Emetic, 17 Peseta, 19 Ruler, 21 Troop.

State gears up for Covid-19 vaccine delivery

Health officials have been directed to identify infrastructure, prepare list of priority groups

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @Bengaluru

THE government has begun identifying vaccine centres across Karnataka even before a vaccine has arrived.

With Covid-19 cases surging, the health department has been directed to map primary health centres, anganwadis, and community health centres to carry out mass vaccinations. These will be converted into vaccine centres for a certain number of villages in their vicinity. Mobile units, too, will be used to reach every corner of the state.

Health department sources said the aim of making these arrangements now is to ensure time is not lost in delivering vaccinations when they are approved. "We will keep everything ready before the vaccine comes," the sources said.

Medical Education Minister Dr K Sudhakar, who is also in charge of Covid management, told *TNIE* that the Union Health Ministry had already prepared a plan to receive and utilise 400-500 million doses of Covid-19 vaccine once it is ready, covering approximately 25 crore people by July 2021.

The minister said a digital platform was also being built by the Centre to track Covid-19 vaccine administration and movement, from procurement to storage to distribution to individual beneficiaries, and online modules were also being developed to train those delivering the vaccines. He said the government aims to vaccinate every citizen in the state at the earliest. "We are preparing lists of priority population groups, including frontline Covid workers, who need to receive the vaccine first," he added.

VACCINES ON TRIAL

Sudhakar said at least three viable vaccine candidates are in the clinical trial phase in India. AstraZeneca and the University of Oxford's vaccine being produced in collaboration with Pune-based Serum Institute of India is in the third phase of trials while Zydus Cadila launched phase-2 trials for its vaccine on August 6. Bharat Biotech began phase-2 trials from September. "Apart from indigenous attempts, the Centre is in talks with Russia," he said.

CONFIRMED CASES

TALLY ON FRIDAY

FRESH CASES **10,913**

FRESH RECOVERIES **9,091**

DEATHS **114**

57,39,530 Total samples tested

1,18,851 Total active cases

5,61,610 Total recoveries

Case fatality rate above 1 pc in 15 districts: War room

IFFATH FATHIMA & RANJANI MADHAVAN @ Bengaluru

THE case fatality rate (CFR) is above 1 per cent in 15 districts of 4 Revenue divisions of Kalaburagi, Belagavi, Mysuru and Bengaluru (excluding Bengaluru Urban), as per data submitted by the war room Covid at a recent review meeting.

As per data from the last five days, some of the districts with the highest CFR are Koppal with 4.8%, Dharwad with 3.4%, Mysuru with 3.9%, Bidar with 3.3% and Dakshina Kannada with 3%.

Dr Anoop Amarnath, Head, Scientific Board and Chairman- Geriatric Medicine, Manipal Hospital and member of state Critical Care Support Team, said, "We observe that one of the reasons for high case fatality rate in certain districts is that patients report at the end stages where their chances of mortality are high. Apart from this, people with more than three co-morbid conditions are found to be getting into a severe stage, thereby leading to their death."

Koppal district, for example, has seen many patients with kidney ailments succumbing to the disease. Hence, ASHA workers have been asked to carry out Covid-19 tests on vulnerable population every 15 days, to trace the patients at an early stage, said Koppal Deputy Commissioner, Vikas Kishore.

Mysuru, a quasi metro district, has high CFR as people from Chamarajanagar go there for treatment instead of going to taluk hospitals, said Dr Pradeep Rangappa, Senior Consultant - Critical Care, Columbia Asia Referral Hospital, Yeshwantpur, also part of the tele-ICU team overseeing Covid-19 patients.

"This not only increases the caseload and deaths in Mysuru, it also puts patients at risk. Bengaluru is doing far better in terms of CFR and other districts need to improve. This is because maximum caseload in districts is taken by government hospitals, unlike Bengaluru where the load is shared by private hospitals," he said.

To reduce fatalities, the Karnataka Critical Care Support Team has taken certain measures. Dr Anoop Amarnath said the team has decided to observe four Covid inflammatory markers – ferritin , LDH, IL6, D- Dimer – every 72 hours.

"If we see the markers have increased, the chances of severity increase and we go to the next mode of treatment by providing them Remdesivir. Timely monitoring of the markers will help to bring down the CFR," Dr Amarnath said.

There are two aspects to addressing CFR: public health and clinical management. The state is analysing both aspects for each district separately.

"At present, 50-60% of the patients die in 72 hours, leaving little time for treatment. This is the public health aspect of it. This would mean we need more testing to be done and earlier. On the clinical side, we are now using the APACHE score to assess ICU performance," said Dr Trilok Chandra, head of Covid-19 Critical Care Support Committee.

Parents blame the Vidyagama programme for the rise in Covid cases | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Vidyagama behind spread: Parents

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Athani / Kalaburagi

AS many as 25 children and six teachers recently tested positive in Timmapur and surrounding villages of Ramdurg taluk, creating panic among villagers who have blamed the government's Vidyagama programme for the children contracting the disease.

People have now started stopping primary school teachers from entering their villages.

The state government launched Vidyagama to ensure that classes are not disrupted for children, who lacked access to online classes. The programme involves primary school teachers visiting villagers and teaching small groups of students in open spaces with physical distancing maintained.

Villagers suspect that over 100 children may have contracted the virus during the programme and have barred the entry of teachers into villages.

Elsewhere in the district, 18 government primary school teachers tested positive in Chikkodi education district, and three teachers succumbed to the disease.

Separately, four students studying at a Vatara Shale (community school) at Mashal village of Afzalpur taluk in Kalaburagi district tested positive for Covid on Thursday. The Department of Public Instruction has closed it for a fortnight from Friday.

Kalaburagi Deputy Director of Public Instruction S P Badagundi said that the school headmaster tested positive a fortnight ago and RT-PCR tests were conducted on 250 students. Four of them tested positive on Thursday and results of 24 other students are awaited.

In-charge headmaster of the school Lakshman said the government has not provided masks or sanitiser to the school. Students in 18 Vatara Shales near Mashal have reportedly stopped sending their wards to school.

Karnataka records over 78K cases in 9 days

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

COVID-POSITIVE cases in the state were a tad below the 11,000-mark at 10,913 as of Thursday night, with Bengaluru registering 5,000-plus cases for the fourth straight day. Over the last nine days, from October 1-8, the state has had a whopping 78,432 positive patients.

The state has been conducting over one lakh tests every day and on Thursday, the tally was 1,09,980 tests. In all, 114 deaths were reported taking the toll to 9,789.

Munish Moudgil, in charge of State War Room, said deaths increase as people delay tests. "Testing saves lives as it helps in identifying positive patients early and enable medical treatment. Most deaths happen due to delay in testing and taking treatment. If tested and found early, Covid is easy to handle in almost all cases. It's the delay in detection and treatment which makes it deadly. Any action by anyone that leads to lesser cooperation from citizens causes damage to citizens and leads to more loss of lives," he said.

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The public is hereby informed that any person/s having any manner of right/s, claim/s, charge/s, objection/s against the under mentioned Schedule Property or any part thereof or in any manner affecting the rights of the Schedule property may notify the undersigned within **11 (Eleven) days** from the date of publication of this notice along with documentary proof in support of the same failing which my clients shall proceed to purchase the schedule property and they will complete the transaction. No claim shall be entertained thereafter.

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Sd/- **R. VIJAYKUMAR & M. MANJUNATHA**
403, 4th Floor, Victory Avenue,
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Bangalore Dated: 09-10-2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

We, (1) SMT. T. LAKSHMI KUTTI, aged about 67 years, daughter of Late Sri. Kuttan and Late Smt. V. Janaki Kuttan; (2) SRI. SURESH KUMAR, aged about 53 years, son of Late Sri. Kuttan and Late Smt. V. Janaki Kuttan; Both are residing at: No.191, Nandananagar, Shettyhalli Main Road, Jalahalli West, Bangalore – 560 015, being the absolute owner in peaceful possession and enjoyment of the schedule property having acquired in terms of registered partition deed dated 30/09/2020.

SMT. T. LAKSHMI KUTTI and SRI. SURESH KUMAR have approached our client M/s. TIRUMALA DEVELOPERS, a Partnership Firm, having its office at: 33/1, 8th Cross, Saradamba Nagar, Jalahalli, Bengaluru – 560 013. Rep by its Partner Mr. Madhu S. aged about 47 years, son of Sri. Ramakrishna Naidu and intends to jointly develop the Schedule Property, subject to my client being satisfied regarding their clear and marketable title over the schedule property free from all encumbrances.

Any person who may have any right or interest in the Schedule Property or otherwise objecting to the joint development may do so in writing to the undersigned within 15 days of this publication along with documentary proof failing which my client will proceed with the transaction where after no further claims will be entertained and /or the same will be deemed to have been waived or abandoned.

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North by : Public Road & Remaining Property in Sy No.4
South by : Road.

Contact:
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SALE NOTICE FOR THE SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-auction Sale Notice for the sale of immovable assets under SARFAESI Act, 2002, r/w rule 8(6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrowers, Co borrowers and Guarantors that the below described immovable property mortgaged to the Secured creditor, the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd., will be sold on "AS IS WHERE IS" "AS IS WHAT IS CONDITION" on 12-11-2020** for recovery of **Rs.25,49,824/- (Rupees Twenty Five Lakhs Forty Nine Thousand Eighty Hundred and Twenty Four Only) as on 21-11-2017** with further interest from 22-11-2017 with monthly rest, charges and costs etc., due to Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd., from **Mr.Sekar. (Borrower), Mrs. Selvi (Co-Borrower), The reserve price will be Rs.37,00,000/- (Rupees Thirty-Seven Lakhs Only) and the earnest money deposit will be Rs.3,70,000/- (Rupees Three Lakhs and Seventy Thousand Only).**

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of the land and building, property bearing site No.31in the layout formed in the land which was duly converted for non-agricultural residential purpose bearing Sy.No.107/1A, vide conversion order No.B.DIS.ALN.(S)SR/(K.T) 5/2004 - 05, dated 19.05.2004, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore, situated at Kengeri Village, KengeriHobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore, Previously this property within the limits of Kengeri TMC, vide Khata Sl No.226, Property No.107/1A/2/31 presently this property comes under the limits ofBruhath Bangalore MahanagaraPalike, Kengeri Sub-Zone, as per B.B.M.P, B-Katha Serial No.32,Kengeri, Bengaluru and bounded on the : East by : Property No.32, West by:Property No. 30, North by:Property No.22, South by : Road. Measurements : East to West : 30 feet, North to South : 40 feet, totally measuring 1200 Sq.ft.,

For detailed terms and conditions of the E-Auction Sale, please refer to the link provided in **www.equitasbank.com&https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net.**

Place: Bangalore
Date: 10.10.2020

Authorized Officer,
Equitas Small Finance Bank Ltd.

Bank of Baroda

K G Road Branch

No.35, Devanga Towers,
Ground Floor, Kempegowda Road
Bangalore -560009
Tel no 080 – 22262347, 22263490

Possession Notice

Rule 8(1) (for immovable Property)

Whereas, The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Bank of Baroda, K G Road Branch, under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of the power conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002 issued a demand notice dated **02/03/2020** calling upon the borrower/guarantor/ mortgagor 1) **M/s Maple India, Prop:** Chainrup Singhi,1091, SRNG Complex, OTC Rd, Nagarathpet,Opp Shardha Talkies, S P Rd Cross, Bengaluru-560002, Karnataka, India, **(Borrower) 2) Meeta Singhi** W/o Chainrup Singhi Residing at Flat No. E-708, E Block , 7th Floor, Brigade Gardenia Apartments, At Sy. No. 112 to 114, Kothanur, Uttarahalli hobli J P Nagar 7th Phase , Bangalore 560078, to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.2,30,94,022.20** (Rupees Two Crore thirty Lakhs Ninty Four Thousand Twenty Two and Paisa Twenty Only) as on 02/03/2020 within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under Section (4) of Section 13 of the Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this the **7th day of October of the year 2020**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Bank of Baroda, K G Road Branch** for an amount of **Rs.2,30,94,022.20** (Rupees Two Crore thirty Lakhs Ninty Four Thousand Twenty Two and Paisa Twenty Only) as on 02/03/2020 together with incidental expenses, cost, charges etc., till the date of realization.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Movable Assets

Hypothecation of Stock and Book Debts stored at 1091, SRNG Complex, OTC RD, Nagarathpet, Opp Shardha Talkies, S P Rd Cross, Bengaluru-560002, Karnataka, India

Place: Bengaluru
Date: 07.10.2020

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Bank of Baroda,
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ANNEXURE—VI **(FOR IMMOVABLE PROPERTY)**

Possession Notice

(As per Appendix IV read with rule 8(1) of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002)

Whereas, the undersigned being the Authorized Officer of the HDFC Bank Ltd., under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under section 13(2) read with rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued a demand notice dated 29-02-2020 calling upon the borrowers **1) Mr. Ramanna Harisha, 2) Gayathri Harish** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.26,30,551.4/-** (Rupees Twenty Six Lakhs Thirty Thousand Five Hundred Fifty One and Fourty Paise Only) along with interest, penal interest, costs etc. within 60 days from the date of the said notice.

The borrowers, having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrowers, in particular and the public, in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him under sub-section 4 of section 13 of the said Act read with rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **08- October-2020**

The borrower, in particular, and the public, in general, are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the HDFC Bank Ltd, for an amount of **Rs.26,30,551.4/-** (Rupees Twenty Six Lakhs Thirty Thousand Five Hundred Fifty One and Fourty Paise Only) along with interest thereon and penal interest, charges, costs etc. from 29-Feb-2020 (date of notice).

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the immovable property bearing No.2410 formed by the Bangalore Development Authority in Kumaraswamy Layout 2nd Stage, Bangalore, now comes within the limits of Bruthath Bangalore Mahanagar Palike, having Municipal No. 2410, PID No. 55-360-2410, measuring East to West 18.29 mtrs and North to South 12.19 mtrs, in all measuring 222.95 Sq mtrs , Along with building and bounded on :- East by: Property bearing No, 2387, West by: Road, North by: Property bearing No, 2410/A, South by: Property bearing No, 2409.

Date: 08.10.2020
Place: Bangalore

Sd/- Authorised Officer,
For HDFC BANK Ltd.,

Regd.Office : HDFC Bank Limited, HDFC Bank House, Senapati Bapat Marg, Lower Parel (West), Mumbai - 400013.

Indian Overseas Bank

Shanthi Nagar Branch, No. 5, Kengal Hanumanthiah Road, Shanthi Nagar, Bengaluru-560027. Ph.: 080-22950136/137 E-mail: iob0136@iob.in

POSSESSION NOTICE Under (Rule 8 (1)) of SARFAESI ACT 2002

Whereas, the Undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the Indian Overseas Bank under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 issued a Demand Notice dated **05.06.2020** calling upon the Borrowers, Guarantors:-

Borrowers: Mrs. Parvathi and Mr. Ratan Lal, No. 497, 4th Cross, Chenna Kesava Nagar, Bangalore-560100.

Guarantors: NIL

The Borrower has also sought the following credit facilities

M/s. Heera Mobiles: CC 013633000000040

Borrowers: (1) M/s. Heera Mobiles, Proprietor: Mrs. Parvathi, No. 497, 4th Cross, Chenna Kesava Nagar, Bangalore-100. **(2) Mrs. Parvathi,** No. 497, 4th Cross, Chenna Kesava Nagar, Bangalore-100. **Mrs. Parvathi,** Site No. 802 (Southern portion), Chenna Kesava Nagar, Singasandra, Begur Hobli, Bangalore-68.

Guarantors: (3) Mr. Mularam P., No. 833, 4th Cross, Hosa Road, Electronic City, Bangalore-100. **(4) Mr. P. Naresh Choudhary,** No. 316, 1st Cross, CK Nagar, Hosa Road, Electronic City, Bangalore-100. **(5) Mr. Ratan Lal,** No. 802, 9th Cross, CK Nagar, Hosa Road, Electronic City, Bangalore-100.

M/s. Kaveri Mobiles: CC 013633000000039

Borrowers: (1) M/s. Kaveri Mobiles, Proprietor: Mr. Ratan Lal, No. 815, 5th Cross, Nagappa Building, CK Nagar, Hosa Road, New Mico Main Road, Electronic City, Bangalore-100. **(2) Mr. Ratan Lal,** No. 815, 5th Cross, Nagappa Building, CK Nagar, Hosa Road, New Mico Main Road, Electronic City, Bangalore-100.

Guarantors: (3) Mr. Mularam P., No. 833, 4th Cross, Hosa Road, Electronic City, Bangalore-100. **(4) Mr. P. Naresh Choudhary,** No. 316, 1st Cross, CK Nagar, Hosa Road, Electronic City, Bangalore-100.

to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs. 16,51,715.88 towards LAP 013603453000006** with further interest @ 12.00% + penal interest of 2% & compounded monthly plus cost **Rs. 12,40,326.34 towards CC 013633000000040** with further interest @ 11.00% + penal interest of 2% & compounded monthly plus cost and charges for CC account bearing number **013633000000040** and **Rs. 49,11,016.37 towards CC 013633000000039** with further interest @ 11.00% + penal interest of 2% & compounded monthly plus cost and charges for CC account bearing number **013633000000039** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

1) The Borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under Section 13(4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules on this **6th day of October 2020.**

2) The Borrower in particular and public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealing with the property will be subject to the charge of the Indian Overseas Bank, for an amount **Rs. 17,38,561/- towards LAP 013603453000006 Rs. 12,92,259/- towards CC 013633000000040** and **Rs. 51,16,647/- towards CC 013633000000039** as on 18.09.2020 with interest thereon at contractual rates and rests as agreed charges etc., from the aforesaid date mentioned in the Demand Notice. The dues payable as on the date of taking possession is **Rs. 17,38,561/- towards LAP 013603453000006 Rs. 12,92,259/- towards CC 013633000000040** and **Rs. 51,16,647/- towards CC 013633000000039** payable with further interest at contractual rates and rests, charges etc., till date of payment.

3) The borrower's attention is invited to the provision of Sub-Section (8) of the Section 13 of the Act, in respect of the time available, to redeem the secured assets. Sub-Clause (8) of this clause provides.

"Where the amount of dues of the secured creditor together with all costs, charges and expenses incurred by him is tendered to the secured creditor at any time before the date of publication of notice for public auction or inviting quotations or tender from public or private treaty for transfer by way of lease, assignment or sale of the secured assets:-

(i) the secured assets shall not be transferred by way of lease assignment or sale by the secured creditor; and

(ii) in case, any step has been taken by the secured creditor for transfer by way of lease or assignment or sale of the assets before tendering of such amount under this sub-section, no further step shall be taken by such secured creditor for transfer by way of lease or assignment or sale of such secured assets."

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All the part and parcel of the property bearing old Site No. 259, new Site No. 802 (Southern portion) out of Sy. No. 40, 41, 42 situated at Channakeshava Nagar, Electronic City, Hosa Road, Singasandra, Bengaluru-560100. **Measurements:** East to West: 41 Ft., North to South: 15 Ft. Totally measuring 600 Sq. Ft.

Boundaries: East by: Property of Police Thimmiah, West by: Road, North by: Remaining property of H.A. Mahadevaswamy, South by: Private property of Balaraju.

This property is in the name of Mrs. Parvathi.

Date : 06.10.2020
Place : Bangalore

Sd/-
Authorised Officer

Note: Advertisement Matter Published in English will prevail in case of any discrepancy.

KGF MLA IS NOW KPCC SPOKESPERSON

KGF MLA Roopa Kala Shashidhar has been appointed KPCC spokesperson by party state unit president D K Shivakumar. Speaking to TNIE about her new assignment, Roopa thanked the senior leaders for her new role and said she will work hard for strengthening the party

Week left to file papers, BJP yet to announce bypoll candidates

State party unit has delayed taking up the issue with the central leaders

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B S Yediyurappa

Nalin Kumar Kateel

THE last date to file nomination papers for the upcoming bypolls to Sira and Rajarajeshwari Nagar Assembly constituencies is October 16. With just a week left, the BJP is yet to announce the names of candidates for both seats.

The party State Core Committee met on October 1 and shortlisted the names, but ten days down the line, the Central leadership is yet to finalise the names, leaving the aspirants jittery.

Sources from the BJP Central leadership insisted that the delay is a result of reluctance on the part of Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa and state unit president Nalin Kumar Kateel to raise the issue and continuing to wait for the Central leadership to bring it up for discussion. The two leaders, meanwhile, are busy sorting out differences over the choice of candidates.

In Rajarajeshwari Nagar, the party is said to be facing difficulties in convincing its former candidate Tulasi Muniraju Gowda to yield his opposition to N Munirathna's candidature.

The bitter fight between the two during the 2018 polls and more importantly, the serious allegation of voter ID fraud levelled by the party against Munirathna, the man that the BJP is likely to make its candidate, is said to have left the cadres miffed.

"The names will be announced over the weekend, but that does not mean we are late in our preparations. The party has already started its campaign. In BJP, the candidate has to campaign only 20-30 per cent," a senior office-bearer told *The New Indian Express*.

In Sira, two rounds of talks have already been held with S R Gowda and B K Manjunath, seeking their cooperation to back Dr Rajesh Gowda as the party candidate.

Wary of Tulasi Muniraju Gowda opting to contest from a JDS ticket if BJP denies him an opportunity, the Central leadership is being asked to intervene.

SEEKING JUSTICE

Members of various organisations, like the Vishwabharathi Sports and Cultural Trust take part in a candlelight vigil to proest against the Hathras gangrape and death incident, in Bengaluru on Friday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Cong leaders to meet farmers in Mandya today

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CONGRESS leaders will converge in Mandya on Saturday to take part in a farmers' meeting to highlight the party's nationwide resistance to farm Bills.

KPCC president DK Shivakumar told the media on Friday that a signature campaign against the Bills will be launched at the meet.

While opposition leader in the Assembly Siddaramaiah will drive to Mandya, Shivakumar, along with AICC General Secretary in charge of Karnataka Randeep Singh Surjewala, will fly there.

Farmers leaders Kodihalli Chandrashekar, Dr Prakash Kammardi, Sunanda Jayaram, Chukki Nanjundaswamy and Kuruburu Shanthkumar among others have been invited, Congress sources said.

Senior Congress leaders, barring those who were down with Covid, are likely to take part in the programme. Mallikarjun Kharge and others too are expected to attend. Former Minister T B Jayachandra, who is busy with the bypoll in Sira, may give the meet a miss.

INTERVIEW

DEVELOPMENT, NOT SYMPATHY, WILL WORK IN SIRA: JAYACHANDRA

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI
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VETERAN Congressman T B Jayachandra, who is 71 years old, was the first to file his nomination papers to contest the Sira assembly bypoll on Friday. This is his tenth election in a political career spanning over four-and-a-half decades. He banks on development works he carried out as a minister in the Siddaramaiah ministry and is confident of winning the bypolls. Here are the excerpts.

> I was defeated because our party workers were overconfident and my opponent late B Sathyanarayana rode a sympathy wave

■ Compared to the 2018 general elections that you lost, how are your prospects in this bypoll?
Very good, because there was no development at all in the constituency for the last two-and-a-half years after I left office. People are repenting defeating me. I had brought in development works worth over Rs 3,500 crore in five years as a cabinet minister in the Siddaramaiah government. I was defeated because our party workers were overconfident and my opponent late B Sathyanarayana rode a sympathy wave.

■ Won't the sympathy factor work in favour of JDS candidate and Sathyanarayana's wife Ammajamma?
I don't think it will work in Sira as people have seen the development works during my term as minister. I am still not sure whether the JDS will field her or somebody else, as the party candidate is yet to file the nomination. Unlike in 2018, it will be a triangular fight this time with the ruling BJP too in the fray.

■ If the BJP fields a leader from the Kunchitiga Vokkaliga community, say Dr Rajesh Gowda, will it not divide the community votes?
No, not at all. Except me, the community does not have any other leader who is concerned about overall development. People have lost faith in the BJP government because of maladministration, corruption and failure in controlling Covid.

■ The government has set up the 'Kadugolla Development Corporation'...
It's an election gimmick. Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa issued the note the day previous to the Election Commission announcing the bypoll dates. One cannot impress people overnight and also, financial allocation has not been made to the corporation.

■ Some BJP leaders, including district party president B Suresh Gowda, allege that you indulge in minority appeasement...
I am a secular person. I only addressed the drinking water problem faced by this segment. If BJP leaders use this strategy, it will not work in their favour.

■ Former CM Siddaramaiah's son Dr Yathindra had a business partnership with the BJP probable Dr C M Rajesh Gowda. Will that affect you?
Siddaramaiah has been camping here for the last four days to campaign for me. Rajesh's father C P Mudalagiriappa was a two-time MP and one-time MLA, but there was no development during his tenure.

■ A video showed KPCC president D K Shivakumar speaking to Siddaramaiah about the Congress high command having had a second thought on your candidature?
I do not want to comment. But both leaders will campaign for me. I also met party's state in-charge Randeep Surjewala and he congratulated me.

■ The BJP government's two deputy chief ministers and CM's son B Y Vijayendra are going all out to defeat you...
I am not worried. Let them come and see the development works I have done. On Sunday, Congress leadership will hold a meeting and also send our MLAs and Ex-MLAs to Sira.

■ What will be the significance of the results?
They may set a trend for the future. There was already talk about Yediyurappa being brought down and with that, the government may collapse.

■ If you win what's your priority?
Fight for the completion of irrigation projects as the BJP government has not released funds for the Upper Bhadra and Yettinahole projects.

ECI guidelines: Token system to prevent crowding during bypolls

ASSEMBLY POLLS SEAT DETAILS

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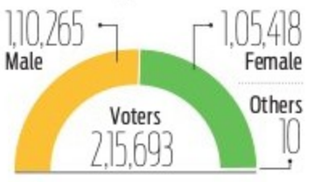
Constituency number: 136
Polling stations: 330



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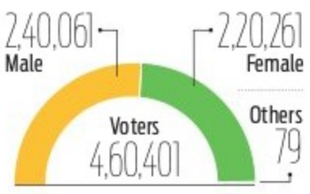

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THE Election Commission of India on Friday issued guidelines for conducting bypolls to two assembly seats in Karnataka's Sira and Rajarajeshwari Nagar. From basic precautionary measures like mandatory use of masks, thermal scanners, social distancing at polling stations, the ECI has also come up with new measures to avoid crowding. Help desks for distribution of tokens will be set up to facilitate 'first come first vote' basis to avoid queuing of people.

The option of postal ballot has been extended to persons with disabilities, voters above the age of 80 and those who have tested Covid-19 positive or in Home quarantine or isolation. The ECI has also permitted public gatherings within guidelines set by the MHA over Covid-19.

Thermal checking of all voters by ASHA workers, social distancing circles for 15-20 persons only with 6 feet distance depending on space, sanitizers at all entry and exit points, protective kit inclusive of mask, sanitizer, face shield and gloves for each polling officer has been mandated.

Door-to-door campaign is allowed in groups of five, excluding security personnel. Roadshows are allowed with a cap of five vehicles per convoy and a half-hour interval between two sets of convoys.

Non-compliance of norms will attract penal action under the Disaster Management Act and Epidemics Act. Suvidha app will be used for the allocation of public spaces.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ELECTIONS: POLLING ON OCTOBER 28

	South-east Graduates	West Graduates	Bangalore Teachers	North East Teachers
Voters	1,09,129	75,781	22,261	29,330
Male	68,414	48,584	7,992	19,002
Female	40,711	27,186	14,266	10,326
Others	4	11	3	2
Polling booths	187	146	69	147

BJP sends emissaries, but rebels firm on contesting

G SUBHASH CHANDRA @ Davangere

BJP has sent emissaries to request rebel candidates D T Srinivas and Dr Halanuru S Lepakshi to withdraw their nominations for the Legislative Council elections from the South East Graduates constituency. However, it is said the rebels are in no mood to oblige.

With all the 15 nomination papers being approved, the correct picture will be known only on October 12, the last date for the withdrawal of nominations.

BJP candidate Chidananda Gowda (extreme right) campaigns in Tumakuru on Friday

Speaking to *The New Indian Express*, rebel candidate Srinivas said he was firm on contesting though he received feelers from the party. He said that the voters of the constituency want him to contest and have reposed faith in him. He said before filing the nominations, he met the CM and some party leaders requesting them for a ticket and told them that he was determined to contest the elections.

"Now the time is over and I am busy campaigning in Kolar and Chikkaballapur districts. If I win, I will continue to support the BJP in the House," he said.

Hiriyur MLA K Poornima, wife of Srinivas, said her husband contesting as an Independent has embarrassed her. She said he was a strong aspirant for the party ticket. "As the elections are not contested on party symbols, my husband will support the BJP in the House if he wins," she said.

Chidananda M Gowda, BJP candidate, said the party bosses are interacting with the rebels and it is confident that the two will withdraw the nominations by October 12, the last date for the withdrawal of nominations.

Post Covid disruption, startups re-strategising to survive in a changed world

BISMAH MALIK

A pandemic, slowing economy and geo-political tensions with China have disrupted the start-up sector in India – currently third largest such ecosystem in the world. However, with the reopening of global markets, demand recovery and government intervention, the startups have begun to leave their worst fears behind and re-strategise to meet the consumption patterns in a new post-pandemic world.

It really has become a matter of survival of the fittest for this burgeoning community especially with imminent cash flow challenges and long-term sustainability. Despite the Reserve Bank of India recently putting startups under priority lending sector and the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade announcing abolition of taxes on various kinds of investments, analysts feel that enterprises need financial stimulus to emerge out of the current crisis.

As per a recent Nasscom study, Covid has put the survival of startups in India at stake. It said that 90 per cent of startups faced a decline in revenues and nearly 40 per cent having already/are in the process of temporarily shutting operations. 70 per cent of the startups had revenues which could last them for only for three months, whereas just 8 per cent were believed to be able to run operations for nine months and beyond.

COVIDONOMICS PART-15

Funds paucity

Traditionally, startups in India have relied on private equity/venture capital funds and angel investors for their cash flow requirements and expansion. The financial institutions, including banks, non-banking financial corporations (NBFCs) and other lenders, are still not a main source of capital for startups on account of risk factors, credit guarantees etc. With the Indian government enforcing stricter guidelines on Foreign Direct Investment from neighbouring countries particularly China, the fund flow problems seem to have worsened. China has accounted for more than $5 billion investment in Indian startups till date with stakes in leading tech firms like Paytm, Zomato, Flipkart, Big Basket, Udaan etc. Chinese leading investors, including Tencent, Ant Financial, Shuwei etc, have put their money in the country. Ant Finaciali's reported investment plans in Zomato are now on hold as the company said during its IPO listing that it is re-evaluating its funding in Indian startups on account of regulatory hurdles.

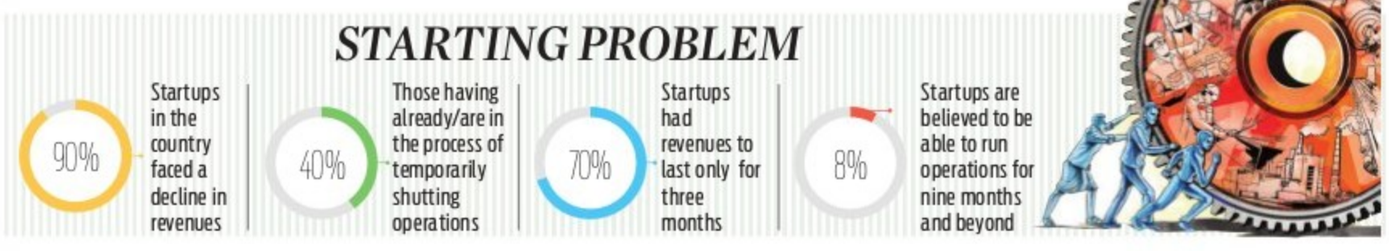
Roma Priya, founder of Burgeon Law, feels that this could also turn out to be an opportune moment for Indian VCs to rise to the occasion and step forward to help the country's start-ups. "However, despite the ban being a decision embraced by many, there are several challenges that come along with it," she added.

Covid-led boom in edtech, e-commerce startups

Barring hospitality, retail, travel, tourism , sectors like online education, fintech and healthtech sectors saw a considerable fund inflow from homegrown/overseas firms as Covid underlined the significance of digitisation and the internet adoption saw a massive surge. Edtech firms, including Byjus, Unacademy, Vedantu and others, have seen their valuations rise as money trickled in from leading investors, including Softbank, Tiger Global, Facebook etc. Overall, online education startups raised over $1.5 billion since the onset of pandemic. Investors have remained bullish on sectors like ecommerce, digital payments, telemedicine and other Saas platforms despite the pandemic.

"The need for adoption of digitisation is what will drive the next wave of growth for Indian startups. So, the ones that are capable of evolving their product/ services in a new digital world in line with consumer demands would be able to weather the demand. Big-ticket investments from overseas funds are already pouring in. A push is needed from the government's end for bootstrapped and early stage startups " a promoter in a Bengaluru-based VC firm said.

STARTING PROBLEM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Rajagopalnagar police have arrested a 28-year-old drug peddler and seized 20 kg ganja from him. Ameer Ahmed and his associate Irfan used to source ganja from Visakhapatnam. A special team has been formed to nab Irfan

Govt ignoring rural pvt schools, says association

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THE state government is ignoring private schools especially those in rural areas as the pandemic rages, the Association of Recognised Unaided Private Schools said on Friday.

"The order for the term fee that parents should pay came out only recently. In Bengaluru, most schools have already collected their first term fee and completed admissions prior to the lockdown. In rural areas, we have to pay the teachers' salaries. And there is no syllabus or timetable given on the conduct of classes," said Shashidhar Byndoor, general secretary of the association.

According to Lokesh, president of the association, more than five lakh teachers work in private unaided schools, and more than 600 schools have shut down due to the pandemic.

Rural govt colleges to get internet

A first in country, higher education dept working on learning management system

PEARL MARIA DSOUZA @Bengaluru

WITH online education not reaching all students in the state, the Department of Higher Education is working on a platform — Learning management system — to help these students.

"Of the 430 government colleges in the state, only 75 are in the city. Rest of the government first-grade colleges, including residential ones, are located in the rural areas," said Manjunath M of the Degree College Lecturers' Association.

The new system will ensure that in addition to PPT, study material and videos for regular classes, students will be assessed regularly with Multiple Choice Questions which will be an added feature, a department official said.

To allow students who do not have internet access to use the facility, the department is set to install internet capabilities in government colleges, a top official said.

The entire course on the platform can be downloaded for later use offline, he added.

Faculty members have tried to keep the students engaged with classes uploaded on Youtube, and substitute lecture notes on messaging platforms such as Whatsapp and Telegram. It covered nearly 85 percent of the students, said director of higher education Pradeep P. This is more than the 70 percent reach that only online classes had earlier, he said.

However now, as the state is allowed to reopen institutes, the department is looking at an alternative whereby students can use the college facilities to avail its digital learning platform.

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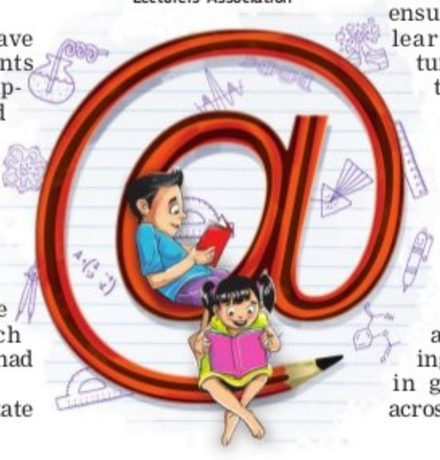

The Learning Management System, a first of its kind in the country, will ensure the entire teaching-learning process is captured digitally, Pradeep told *The New Indian Express*.

It will also accommodate teaching-learning corrective assessment with the help of analytics at various levels, he added.

The department is also working on installing internet capabilities in government colleges across the state.

Drugs case: HC shocked over police failing to file chargesheet

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THE Karnataka High Court has expressed shock over the city police for not filing a chargesheet even after getting a three-month extension in a case registered under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act.

Justice Cunha said, "It is shocking that even after the expiry of the extended period of 90 days, neither a chargesheet has been filed nor the accused produced before the court. As a result, even the custody of the petitioners after the expiry of the extended period has rendered it illegal."

Observing that the right of the accused has been frustrated by the special court by extending time mechanically, the HC said there is no other alternative than to direct the release of the petitioners on default bail. Sayeed Majid Ahmed and Ramesh Kumar were arrested on December 28, 2019, for being allegedly in possession ecstasy pills, MDMA crystal, and brown sugar. According to advocate K Abhishek, their counsel, Kempegowda Nagar police should have filed the chargesheet within the statutory period of 180 days. However, the investigation officer had filed an application seeking extension of another six months. Partly allowing the application on June 1, 2020, the Special Judge passed the order granting another 90 days.

PLAINT AGAINST SR CIVIL JUDGE QUASHED

Judicial officers will not be in a position to discharge their duties without fear if they are prosecuted before criminal courts for acts done or words spoken while discharging judicial duty, notwithstanding the protection granted by Section 3(1) of the Judges (Protection) Act, 1985, the Karnataka High Court said. A division bench of Chief Justice Abhay Shreeniwas Oka and Justice Ashok S Kinagi made the observation, quashing a private complaint filed against Senior Civil Judge Vijay Kumar S Jatla of Kalaburagi. The complainant, C M Manjunath, alleged that Justice Jatla misused his official position by sending him to judicial custody over a dispute at the instance of other accused.

BBMP TO KEEP CHECK ON ROADSIDE EATERIES TOO

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

ROADSIDE eateries have been marked as vulnerable places for the spread of the virus, just like hotels, restaurants, ATMs and marketplaces.

While marshals, police, and the BBMP are keeping a check on all other places, they have now decided to initiate a drive to inspect roadside eateries. This is not just to maintain hygiene and control the spread of the infection, but also to check if they have proper trade licences.

Eateries like these on a road in Sanjaynagar will be monitored by the civic body

BBMP Commissioner N Manjunath Prasad has issued directions to the zonal commissioners for the same.

The assurance was given based on the suggestion by many citizen welfare groups and from the marshals' feedback. At BBMP interactive meetings with citizen welfare groups, nodal officers and resident welfare associations, the subject has been raised. Also, now with the increasing number of Covid cases, the congregation of people and the garbage menace, the BBMP has decided wth this move.

However, vendors feel that this will only lead to harassment. "We have started to make ends meet after the lockdown and now if they start checking on us, we will have to close down. We are also concerned about people's health. We will only be targeted," said Ramanna, a dosa seller in Majestic.

The BBMP Solid Waste Management section officials admitted that marshals had reported many instances of people getting caught for not wearing masks, congregating in large numbers, and littering the surrounding areas.

Rajendra Cholan, BBMP Special Commissioner, Health, told *TNIE* that a check on roadside eateries had been initiated and the status report was also going to sought from the zonal officials. Meanwhile, it is also important to ensure that the sellers' livelihood is not affected, he added.

MKCG MEDICAL COLLEGE, BERHAMPUR-760004.

Advertisement No: 7059 MKCG/MCB/ Welfare/2020, Dated: 09.10.2020

E-299: Applications are invited in the prescribed format from the eligible candidates for the posts of Medical Physicist (1nos.) to work in the Department of Radiotherapy, Radiology etc of MKCG Medical College, Hospital Berhampur, so as to reach in the office of the Dean & principal on or **before 2-11-2020 (5:00 PM).** The appointment will be purely on contractual basis with a consolidated salary of **Rs.35,000/-(Thirty-five thousand only).** The details of eligibility criteria, service conditions and application format is available in the MKCG Medical College website that can be downloaded from: **www.mkcgmch.org**

Sd/-
Dean & Principal
OIPR 10013/11/0013/2021

GOVERNMENT OF TAMIL NADU
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT
Tamil Nadu e-Governance Agency (TNeGA)

E-TENDER NOTICE

Online tenders are invited by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Tamil Nadu e-Governance Agency (TNeGA), towards **Selection of an Implementation Partner to setup and operate Integrated and Inclusive Public Grievance CM Helpline Management System (IIPGCMS) Call Centre on a turnkey basis.**

The tender document (RFP) can be downloaded at free of cost from **https://tntenders.gov.in/, https://tnega.tn.gov.in/** from **10.10.2020,11:00 hrs**

Pre-bid meeting is scheduled online through Video Conference (VC) on **13.10.2020** at **11:00 hrs** and the link for the VC is available in the RFP.

EMD for an amount of **Rs. 8,00,000/-** has to be paid through online mode. Last date and time for online submission of bids through **https://tntenders.gov.in/**(e-Tender) is **27.10.2020** till **15:00 hrs.** Technical Bid shall be opened online on **28.10.2020** at **15:00 hrs**. Bidders are advised to participate in the pre-bid meeting scheduled by TNeGA.

Chief Executive Officer,
Tamil Nadu e-Governance Agency

DIPR/3791/TENDER/2020

THE TAMILNADU CO OPERATIVE MILK PRODUCERS' FEDERATION LIMITED
No.3-A, Pasumpon Muthuramalinganar Salai, Nandanam, Chennai-600 035.

TENDER NOTICE

To engage **32 PUF Insulated vehicles** along with one load man / Delivery man for collection of Milk By Products from Ambattur Product Dairy and to distribute to various identified outlets in Chennai and its suburban areas and to bring back the empty tubs/ crates/ containers. 32 vehicles with net carrying capacity of 2.0 MT (After Insulation). Period of Contract 2 years (2020 to 2022)

Earnest Money Deposit **Rs.10,000/-** per vehicle. Sale of Tender forms From **12.10.2020 to 24.11.2020** on all working days between **10.00 A.M. to 3.00 P.M.** Pre-Bid meeting On **22.10.2020 at 11.00 AM** at the O/o. The General Manager(Mkg), TCMPF Ltd., 3 A, Pasumpon Muthuramalinganar salai, Nandanam,Chennai-35. Cost of documents Rs.750/-inclusive of all taxes, if required by the post / courier an extra amount of Rs.100/-

The tender forms can also be downloaded from the designated website free of cost **www.tenders.tn.gov.in** and e-tendering through website **www.tntenders.gov.in and www.aavinmilk.com.**

Last date for the receipt of filled in Tender documents on **25.11.2020 up to 03.00 P.M** at the above address.

Date & place of opening of Technical bid on **25.11.2020 at 03.30 P.M** at the O/o.The General Manager (Mkg), TCMPF Ltd., 3-A, Pasumpon Muthuramalinganar salai, Nandanam, Chennai-35.

DIPR/3795 /TENDER/2020

JOINT MANAGING DIRECTOR

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client Venkataswamy S/o Late Venkata Bhovi has filed suit before the Civil Court (JMFC) Nelamangala vide C.Misc.No. 229/2020 in order to obtain the Death Certificate from the said civil Court, Nelamangala and hearing of the case is on **14.10.2020.** My client's father name is Venkata Bhovi died on 18.4.1955 at his residence. In case of any objections, kindly inform the same within one week from this day.

P. V. NATARAJA GOWDA, Advocate
No. 501, N.S. Bhavana, 5th Main
Road, Gandhinagar, Bengaluru-09.
Date: 6.10.2020

ANDHRA PRADESH INTEGRATED IRRIGATION AND AGRICULTURE TRANSFORMATION PROJECT
(World Bank Aided Project)
Request for Bids (Natiotioal Competitive Bidding)

Tender Notice Nos.50/2020-21 to 51/2020-21, date:5-10-2020

The District Project Director, APIIATP & Executive Engineer, IB Division, Penukonda, Ananthapuram District, Pin Code:515110, Andhra Pradesh invites Bids from the intending Bidders for **1)** Repairs to fish ponds in Anantapur city **2)** Rehabilitation/Modernisation of Manchineella cheruvu under **"ANDHRA PRADESH INTEGRATED IRRIGATION AND AGRICULTURE TRANSFORMATION PROJECT" (APIIATP)** from Dt:12-10-2020 to Dt: 18-11-2020 upto 5.00PM For complete details visit us at: **www.apeprocurement.gov.in** For queries: Contact no: **08554-220208.**

Sd/- District Project Director, APIIATP & Executive Engineer, IB Division, Penkonda

DIPR No.366PP/CL/ADVT/1/1/2020-21 Dt.09/10/2020

GOVERNMENT OF ODISHA
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER
NORTHERN CIRCLE,RURAL WORKS, ANGUL
E-Mail - sencrwangul@yahoo.co.in, ☎ 06764 - 236404

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No. 1634 // Dt.05.10.2020 //

e-Procurement Notice for Road works in Odisha

1. Name of the work : Road work
2. Total No. of work : 1 No.
3. Estimated cost : Rs. 154.60 Lakhs
4. Class of Contractor : 'B' & 'A' Class
5. Period of completion : 09(Nine) Calendar Months
6. Other details.

Procurement Officer	Bid Identification No.	Availability of Tender on-line for bidding		Last Date & Time of seeking tender clarification	Date & Time of opening of tender	
		From	To		Technical Bid	Financial Bid
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Superintending Engineer, Rural Works, Northern Circle, Angul	Road Online - AGL- 08/ 2020-21	13.10.20 at 10.00 A.M	02.11.20 up to 5.30 P.M	22.10.20 up to 1.00 P.M	03.11.20 at 11.00 A.M	06.11.20 at 11.00 A.M

(1) For detailed Notice inviting Tenders,Please visit to the website **www.tendersorissa.gov.in**

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, N.C,Rural Works, Angul. OIPR 25049/11/0008/2021

SWAMI VIVEKANAND NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF REHABILITATION TRAINING AND RESEARCH
DEPARTMENT OF EMPOWERMENT OF PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES (DIVYANGJAN)
(MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT, GOVERNMENT OF INDIA) OLATPUR, PO: BAIROI, DIST-CUTTACK, ODISHA

Ref. No.: AD 6B 32/06/2020 **Date: 07.10.2020**

RECRUITMENT NOTICE

Applications are invited from the eligible candidates for the following posts for CRC, Ranchi, Jharkhand as under:

Sl. No.	Name of the post	No. of post	Age	Consolidated Salary per month (Rs.)
1.	Assistant Professor (PMR) Consultant	1	45	60,000
2.	Assistant Professor (Speech & Hearing) (Consultant)	1	45	55,000
3.	Assistant Professor (Clinical Psychology) (Consultant)	1	45	55,000
4.	Lecturer (Occupational Therapy) (Consultant)	1	35	50,000
5.	Accountant (Consultant)	1	35	35,000
6.	Special Educator/Orientation & Mobility Instructor (Consultant)	2	35	35,000
7.	Vocational Instructor (Consultant)	1	30	35,000
8.	Clinical Assistant (Consultant)	2	30	32,000

Last date for receipt of completed applications is **06.11.2020.** Late received applications and applications received in other format will be summarily rejected. For all other details, terms and conditions, please log on to website **www.svnirtar.nic.in**

Sd/- DIRECTOR

ENCORE ASSET RECONSTRUCTION COMPANY PRIVATE LIMITED (ENCORE ARC)
5TH FLOOR, PLOT NO. 137, SECTOR 44, GURUGRAM – 122 002, HARYANA

Appendix IV {Rule 8(1)} POSSESSION NOTICE

Whereas,

Encore Asset Reconstruction Company Private Limited (Encore ARC) has acquired all rights, titles and interests of **NKGSB Bank,** in the financial assets of **Mr. C Mani Chetty** originated by NKGSB Bank under section 5 of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002, (SARFAESI Act, 2002) vide Assignment Agreement dated 28-06-2019.

And whereas, Authorised Officer of **NKGSB Bank**, in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(2) of the SARFAESI Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 (Rules), had issued a Demand Notice dated 06-10-2018 calling upon the **borrower and Co-Borrower 1) Mr.C.Mani Chetty , 2) Mrs.Mani Geeta and 3) Mr.M Gopinath** to repay the amount mentioned in the notice being **Rs.1,77,61,254.00 (Rupees One Crore Seventy Seven Lakhs Sixty One Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Four Only) as on 30.09.2018** together with future interest and costs from 01-10-2018 till date of repayment within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower/guarantor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given by the Authorised Officer of Encore Asset Reconstruction Company Pvt. Ltd. to the borrower/guarantors and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on me under Section 13(4) of the SARFAESI Act read with Rule 8 and 9 of the Rules on this **07th day of October 2020.**

The borrower in particular and the public in general is hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the Encore Asset Reconstruction Company Pvt. Ltd. for an amount **Rs.1,77,61,254.00 (Rupees One Crore Seventy Seven Lakhs Sixty One Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Four Only)** together with future interest and costs from 01-10-2018.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, 2002, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

MORTGAGED ASSETS : DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

1. All that Piece and parcel of property bearing Municipal No 37/1 PID. No 8-10-37/1 (old No 279/2 and 279/3) situated at 4th Cross Road, Nagappa Block, BBMP Ward No 8, Bangalore,-560021, measuring East to West : 19 Feet and North to South : (65+68)/2 feet owned by Mr. C Mani Chetty and bounded on the
On the East : Drain & Road,
On the West : Portion of property bearing Municipal No 37/1 & 37,
On the North : Road,
On the South : Property bearing No 83.

2. An that piece and parcel of property bearing Municipal No 14/28 PID. No. 39-42-14/28 (old site Nos.23,24, and 25, House List Khata No 14 and site Nos 26,27, and 28, old V.P. Khata no.14, assessment No 55/2, House List No 14) situated at Nayandanahalli west Layout, BBMP Ward No.39 Bangalore-560039, measuring East to West : (120+106)/2 feet and North to South:: (80+43)/2 feet , totally measuring 6949.50 Sy feet owned by Mr. C Mani Chetty, Mrs. Mani Geetha, Mr. Gopinath and Mr. M. Manjunath, and bounded on the
On the East : Property Belonging to Smt. Geetha Mani
On the West : Property belonging to Sri Thimmaiah and Mariyappa,
On the North : Outer Ring Road and Property belonging to Sri Siddappaji,
On the South : Property belonging to Sri. Puttanna

Place: Bangalore
Date: 07-10-2020

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Encore Asset Reconstruction Company Pvt. Ltd

TAMIL NADU SLUM CLEARANCE BOARD COIMBATORE CIRCLE
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
FORM OF CONTRACT : "LUMPSUM" (TWO COVER SYSTEM)
Tender Notice No.SCB/782/DB/2020 Dated: 09.10.2020

For and on behalf of Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board, one sealed tender consisting of two separate sealed covers one for Pre-qualification with EMD to be enclosed in 'A' cover and another for price schedule with name of work duly superscribed to be enclosed in 'B' cover are invited from the registered contractors under Class - I and above in TNSCB / Government Departments / Government undertakings / Public Sector Undertaking, registered as a legal entity in India by the Superintending Engineer, Coimbatore Circle, Tamil Nadu Slum Clearance Board, Selvapuram, Shivalaya Mahal (opp), Perur North, Coimbatore - 26. upto **3.00 PM** on **10.11.2020** and the same will be opened at **3.15 PM** on the same day in the presence of the Tender Scrutiny Committee.

Sl. No	Name of Work	Tender value including GST / Period of contract	EMD (in Rs.)
		Rs. in Lakhs	
1	Construction of 348 tenements adopting T.D.No: HFA/68A/2019, HFA/68B/2019, HFA/68C/2019 & HFA/68D/2019 (G+2 storeyed) including internal and external water supply, sanitary and electrification arrangements with necessary development works at Mullai Nagar, Allapalayam village in Annur Taluk of Coimbatore District under HFA. CER.No.10/CBE/2020-21.	2923.80 / 15 Months	14,80,000
2	Construction of 180 tenements adopting T.D.No: HFA/94/2019 with (G+1 storeyed) including internal and external water supply, sanitary and electrification arrangements at Allanchi scheme in Nilgiris District under HFA. CER.No.11/CBE/2020-21. (**Retender**)	1557.50 / 15 Months	7,90,000
3	Construction of 164 tenements adopting T.D.No: HFA/94/2019 with (G+1 storeyed) including internal and external water supply, sanitary and electrification arrangements at Naduhatty in Kotagiri T.P. at Nilgiris district under HFA. CER.No.12/CBE/2020-21. (**Retender**)	1419.05 / 15 Months	7,20,000

The cost of tender schedule and EMD should be drawn as Demand Draft or Banker's cheque/ fixed deposit from Nationalized/ Scheduled Bank, payable at Coimbatore in the prescribed form in favour of Executive Engineer, Coimbatore Division, TNSCB,Coimbatore. The tender documents may be obtained from the office of the Superintending Engineer, Coimbatore Circle, TNSCB, Selvapuram, Shivalaya Mahal (opp), Perur North, Coimbatore -26 on written requisition along with cost of the tender document to a value of Rs.17,700/- upto 3.00 PM on 09.11.2020.

1. The conditions and other details may be seen in the tender documents and also the same will be made available on all working days in the Office of the Superintending Engineer, Coimbatore Circle TNSCB,Coimbatore- 26.
2. The tender documents are also available at **www.tenders.tn.gov.in** which can be downloaded at free of cost. The tenderer shall keep a watch over the web site till the preceeding date of tender.

Conditions for participating in the tenders may be seen from the website **www.tenders.tn.gov.in.**

The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reasons thereof.

Selvapuram, Shivalaya Mahal(opp),
Perur North, Coimbatore -26.

Superintending Engineer
Coimbatore Circle

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JHARKHAND INDUSTRIAL INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION LTD.
(A GOVERNMENT OF JHARKHAND UNDERTAKING)

Office of the M.D., JIIDCO, 3rd Floor, New RIADA Building, industrial area, Namkum, Ranchi-834010

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

(through e-procurement mode only-www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in)
NIT No.- JIIDCO/01/Bundu/2020-2021

Designation and Address of the Advertiser :-Chief Engineer, Office of M.D.JIIDCO, 3rd Floor, New RIADA Building, Industrial Area, Namkum, Ranchi-834010

1. Mode of submission of tender :- Online through www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in
2. Publishing on website :- Date 15.10.2020 Time: 11.00 A.M.
3. Period downloading of Bidding Documents:- Start date 15.10.2020 Time 11.00 A.M. End date 05.11.2020 Time 5:00 P.M.
4. Bids online submission :- Start date 15.10.2020 Time 11.00 A.M. End date 05.11.2020 Time 5:00 P.M.
5. Technical Bid opening date :- Date 07.11.2020 Time: 3.30 P.M.
6. Details of works:-

Bid No.	Tender reference No-	Name of work	Estimated Cost/ECV (Rs. in Lakhs)	Amount of Earnest money (Rs.)	Cost of BOQ (Non-refundable in Rs.)	Time of completion of work (in month including monsoon period)
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1.	JIIDCO/01/Bundu/2020-2021	Construction of Lah Processing Unit, Bundu, Ranchi, Jharkhand	1,31,52,002.46	2,63,500.00	10,000.00	12 month

7. The original copy of Tender cost and Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) must be submitted in JIIDCO office up to 07.11.2020 by 01:00 P.M. If Tender cost and EMD are not received before above mentioned date and time tender shall not be accepted.
8. Place to receiving tender cost and EMD :- Office of M.D. JIIDCO, 3rd Floor, New RIADA building, Namkum Industrial area, Namkum, Ranchi- 834010
9. Bid Validity :- 120 days
10. Place of opening of Technical Bid :- Office of M.D. JIIDCO, 3rd Floor, New RIADA building, Namkum Industrial area, Namkum, Ranchi- 834010
11. For any information/complaints the department helpline no. M.b.no. 7273943147 may be contacted.
12. Further details can be seen on website- www.jharkhandtenders.gov.in.

Note: The estimated cost mentioned above in sl. No.6 column no. 4 is approximate which may be increased or decreased.

Sd/-
Chief Engineer JIIDCO, Ranch

PR 234059 (Industries)20-21*D

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed to the Public that, We **Manjunath Aradya.A,** S/o Adviyappa. Residing at No.E31, 15th A Main Road, 1st Cross, Nelagedaranahalli, Peenya Post, Bengaluru-560058 and **Srinath Babu** S/o Muniswamy, Residing at, No-08, 2nd Cross, Sapthagiri Layout, Nagasandra Post, Bengaluru-560073, have jointly entered into Registered Agreement of sale with the original owner **Smt. Sampamma** W/o Thimmaiah vide Registered **No.VJN-1-04242/2017-18, CD No-vjnd175, dated: 10.08.2017** in the sub-Registrar of Vijayanagar, Bengaluru. The aforesaid original sale agreement document has been lost on **25.08.2020** while journey with my scooter at Peenya.

Hence we both request with the general public that, please return the aforesaid Original Document to the below mentioned address in case find the same anywhere else.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of Property bearing Sy No. 1, Block No.12, new Sy No. 117, measuring 31,790 sq.ft. out of one acre excluding roads formed by BBMP/BDA, situated at Jarak Bande Kaval Village, Yalahanka Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, and bounded on East by : Land bearing Sy.No. 116, West by: Land bearing Sy.No. 119, North by : Land bearing Sy.No. 121, South by : Land bearing Sy.No. 118

Address:
Srinath Babu.L.M, No-08, 2nd Cross, Sapthagiri Layout, Nagasandra Post, Bengaluru-560073

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, **Smt. Gowree Selvam** W/o G. Shiva Selvam, is in the process of conducting due diligence on the title of the immovable property more fully described in the schedule hereunder belonging tome, acquired through a Regd. Sale Deed dated 27.10.2016, vide document No. CMP-1-05935-2016-17, Stored in CD No. CMPD170, in the office of Sub Registrar Basavanagudi (Chamarajapete) Bangalore.

If anybody has charge, lien, interest or title or claim on the Schedule Property, they should come forth with the copies of documents in support of such claim and produce the same to the undersigned ***within 15 days*** from the date of publication of this notice. In the event no such legally tenable claim is received, I will proceed with the Certified Copy of aforesaid Sale Deed as original as if no such claim exists or that they have been waived or abandoned.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the southern portion of property bearing **Site No.523** (old No. 268) previously within the limit of Sarakki Group Panchayath, presently within the limit of BBMP Ward No. 180, PID No.56-183-523, measuring **930sq ft** out of total site measuring **East** to **West 30ft, North** to **South** on **Eastern side 50ft,** on **Western side 74ft,** total measuring **174.24sq mtrs,** situated at **Jaraganahalli Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk,** and bounded as follows:

East by : Property No.522
West by : Property No.524
North by : Remaining property of same
South by : Road

Sd/-
Smt. Gowree Selvam
W/o Sri G. Shiva Selvam,
No.243, 3rd Cross,
Near Aishwarya Ganapathi Temple, CT Bed,
BSK IInd Stage, Bangalore – 560070.
Phone No. 9980565516

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1 BENGALURU

2nd Floor, LIC Jeevan Mangal Building
No. 4, Residency Road, Bengaluru- 560025
DRC No : 14388

The Federal Bank Ltd.,
Marathahalli Branch
.....Certificate Holder
Versus
Mr. Pramod.N &Another
.....Defendants/Certified Debtors

To,
1. Mr. Pramod.N S/o Mr. Narayana Reddy.S, R/at: No. 24, Ramanayakanahalli, Gunjur Post, Varthur Road, Behind Greenwood High School, Bengaluru-560087.
2. Mrs. Anusayamma W/o Mr. Narayana Reddy. S, R/at: No. 24, Ramanayakanahalli, Gunjur Post, Varthur Road, Behind Greenwood High School, Bengaluru-560087.
And also available at:
Flat bearing No. 324, Third Floor, "Nisarga Keerthana" Chandapura Village, Attibele (H) Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru-560081.

DEMAND NOTICE

In view of the Recovery Certificate issued in **O.A. No. 1157/2015** passed by the Hon'ble Presiding Officer, DRT, Bengaluru on 27.09.2019 an amount of **Rs.24,98,965/-** (Rupees Twenty Four Lakhs Ninety Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Five Only) is due against you along with interest and costs from the date of filling of O.A.s till realization .

You are hereby called upon to deposit the amount within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.

In additions to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay:

(a) Such interest as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the execution proceedings.

(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal on 23rd day of October 2018.

Sd/- (RAJASEKHARAN. R)
RECOVERY OFFICER - I
DRT-1, BENGALURU

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1 BENGALURU

2nd Floor, LIC Jeevan Mangal Building
No. 4, Residency Road, Bengaluru- 560025
DRC No : 14870

The Federal Bank Ltd.,
Marathahalli Branch
.....Certificate Holder
Versus
Mr. Rahul Hariharan &Another
.....Certified Debtors

To,
1. Mr. Rahul Hariharan S/o Mr. Ramakrishnan, R/at: Flat No. 402, KHB Colony, Kormangala 5th Block, Near Sukh Sagar Hotel, Bengaluru-560095.
2. Mrs. Radha, W/o Mr. Hariharan, R/at: Flat No. 402, KHB Colony, Kormangala 5th Block, Near Sukh Sagar Hotel, Bengaluru-560095.

DEMAND NOTICE

In view of the Recovery Certificate issued in **O.A. No. 1210/2015** passed by the Hon'ble Presiding Officer, DRT, Bengaluru on **09.06.2019** an amount of **Rs.30,29,827/-** (Rupees Thirty Lakhs Twenty Nine Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty Seven Only) is due against you along with interest and costs from the date of filling of O.A.s till realization .

You are hereby called upon to deposit the above sum within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.

In additions to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay:

(a) Such interest as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the execution proceedings.

(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal on 26th day of July2019.

Sd/- (DEEPAINDUVANI.S)
RECOVERY OFFICER - II
DRT-1, BENGALURU

STATE BANK OF INDIA

STRESSED ASSETS RECOVERY BRANCH(SARB), BENGALURU

Authorised Officer's Details:
Name: Shri. Pranava A.
Email: sbi.05173@sbi.co.in
Mobile No: +91 9449205256
Landline No.(office):080-25943663

Building No. 11/90,3rd Floor,
Near Old Shivaji Theatre
J C Road, Bengaluru - 560002
Tel: 25943678 25943663
Email: sbi.05173@sbi.co.in
Contact : CCO – Sri. Sujit Kumar
Mob.No.8880208374

Appendix – IV-A
[See Proviso to rule 8(6)]
Sale notice for sale of immovable properties

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor that the constructive/ physical possession has been taken on 30-07-2015 by the Authorised Officer of State Bank Of India, the Secured Creditor, will be **sold on** " As is Where is", As is What is" and Whatever there is"on **29-10-2020**, for recovery of **Rs.10,66,33,782/-** (Rupees Ten crore sixty six lakhs thirty three thousand seven hundred eighty two only) as on 07-10-2020 + interest + Cost and expenses, costs, charges, etc. and further interest at contractual rate from 08.10.2020 due to the Secured Creditor from **(1) M/s Lead Ventures, (2) Sri.Durez A. Fazal** S/o Sri. A. Fazlur Rehman, **(3) Smt. Sameera Zia Khan** W/o Sri.Zia Khan **(Borrower/s)** and **(4) Smt. Naseem Akhtar** alias Naseem Unnisa W/o. Sri. K. Syed Saliq **(5) Sri. Zia Khan** S/o. Sri. Rahim Khan Sahib**(Guarantor/s).**

The reserve price will be Rs. 42.50 lakhs only and the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) will be Rs. 4,25,000/-.

DESCRIPTION OF THE IMMOVABLE PROPERTY WITH KNOWN ENCUMBRANCES (IF ANY)

Tender No. SBI/SARB/LV/SK/ 598/2020-21:
All that piece and parcel of the residential plot carved out of land measuring an extent of 3 Acres 7 Guntas comprised in Survey No.17/1 and 18/1 converted for residential purpose vide order No.LDIS 21/64-65 dated 27.10.1964 issued by Assistant Commissioner, Nanjangud and situated at Galipura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Chamarajanagar Taluk measuring East to West 110 feet and North to South :133 ft. in all 14630 sq.ft. **Bounded by:** East: Remaining site belonging to Sri. C.S.Firoze Jamal, Sri. Ziaulla Shariff, Sri Zafrulla Shariff and Sri. C.S.Ubedulla Shariff and Main Road, West: Remaining site belonging to Sri. C.S.Firoze Jamal, Sri. Ziaulla Shariff, Sri. Zafrulla Shariff and Sri. C.S.Ubedulla Shariff and Masjid, North: SPS Granite Factory and Private Road, South: sites of Sri. Mayanna and others.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the links provided by the Secured Creditor, State Bank of India, Stressed Assets Recovery Branch, J. C. Road, Bengaluru, represented by its Authorised Officer, i.e., **www.sbi.co.in (2) www.tenders.gov.in (3)https://www.bankeauctions.com**

Date: 08.10.2020
Place: Bengaluru

Sd/- **(PRANAVA A)**
Authorised Officer
State Bank of India, SARB Bengaluru

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE

Office of the Executive Engineer, Jayanagara Division,
BBMP Office Building, 39th Cross, 18th Main,
Jayanagara 4th 'T' Layout, Bengaluru - 560041

No.: EE(JN)/PR/04/2020-21 **Date: 08.10.2020**

CORRIGENDUM NOTICE

Sub.: Reg. Corrigendum for the short term tender notification
Ref.: Tender Notification No.: EE/JN/DM-e-Proc/ 04/2020-21, Dated: 21.09.2020.

With reference to the above subject, short term tender notification had been called vide notification No.: EE/JN/DM-e-Proc/04/2020-21, Dated: 21.09.2020. Due to technical reasons the below mentioned works of the said tender notification are postponed. The details are as given below.

Sl. No.	Tender Item No	Name of the Work	Tender Amount in Lakhs
1	6	Improvements to roads and drain at Kasi Visweshwara Temple Surroundings at JP Nagar 6th Phase in **Ward No. 178.**	62.50
2	7	Providing laying concrete road and Improvements to drains connecting to Sarakki Main Road and Cross Roads in **Ward No. 178.**	62.50
3	8	Improvements to road and drains at Annayappa Layout and Surroundings roads in **Ward No. 178.**	62.50
4	9	Improvements to roads and drains between 17th Cross and 18th Cross at JP Nagara 5th Phase in **Ward No. 178.**	62.50
5	10	Improvements to Pattalamma Temple and Surrounding area in **Ward No. 178** Sarakki.	50.50

Sl. No.	Descriptions	Original Date	Proposed Date
1	Tenders Submission Date	09.10.2020	**23.10.2020**
2	Technical Bid Opening Date	12.10.2020	**27.10.2020**
3	Financial Bid Opening Date	15.10.2020	**02.11.2020**

All other terms and conditions remain same.

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Jayanagara Division, BBMP

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GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
GADAG INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES GADAG

Tel Phone Number: 08372-297213 Email: gimsgadag@gmail.com
No: GIMS/Tender/ Chemicals-Reagents / 08/2020-21 **Date : 09.10.2020**

SHORT TERM E-TENDER NOTIFICATION

Call of Chemicals and Reagents to Gadag Institute of Medical Sciences, Gadag.Through **E-Port No: ME/2020-21/IND3146/CALL-2 (http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in)** Interested Institutions, Manufacturers and Suppliers can visit above website from 09.10.2020 to 28.10.2020 by evening 4:00 PM, If any queries contact below Signed Person in time of Govt Working Days.

Sd/-
Director Gadag
Institute of Medical Sciences, Gadag

DIPR/Gadag/274/Manipal/2020-21

ODISHA RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY

S-3/59, Mancheswar Industrial Estate, Bhubaneswar-751010
Phone: (0674) 2588260, 2586398, 2580554, Fax: 2586368
Website : **www.oredaorissa.com,**
E-mail : **ceoreda@oredaorissa.com**

e-TENDER CALL NOTICE

Notice No: 3950 **Date: 08.10.2020**

Odisha Renewable Energy Development Agency (OREDA) invites Request for Proposal (RFP) for the selection of Solar Power Developer (SPD) for the development of a 10 MW grid-connected solar power project in Odisha for the solarization of Konark NAC under the High Visibility Solar Applications Scheme of MNRE on Build-Own-Operate (B-O-O).

Details can be seen from the website **www.tenderwizard.com/OREDA** or **www.oredaorissa.com**. Further corrigendum, if any, will be uploaded in these websites only.

Sd/-
Chief Executive

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
RAH Malleshwaram Branch. Bangalore
(A Government Of India Undertaking)
(Head Office: Bangalore)

APPENDIX IV under Act- Rule 8 (1)

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **RAH Malleshwaram Branch.** Under Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **04.09.2019** calling upon the borrower 1**). Mr. Shiva Kumar J 2). Mrs. Brinda Moorthy R M Both Are Residing** At No.47, 13th Cross Road, Lakshminarayanapura, Bangalore-560021. to repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being **Rs.23,33,956.23/-** (Rupees Twenty Three Lakhs Thirty Three Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Six And Twenty Three Paisa Only) as on **04.09.2019** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **06** day of **October of the year 2020**

The Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Canara Bank** for an amount of **Rs.23,33,956.23/-** (Rupees Twenty Three Lakhs Thirty Three Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty Six And Twenty Three Paisa Only) as on **04.09.2019** and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Shedule: All That Piece And parcel Of Property Bearing Western Portion Of The Property Bearing Old Site No.02, New Site No.123, Municipal No.47, PID No.24-51-47. Situated In The 13th Cross Road, Lakshminarayanapura, Bangalore and Property Within The Limits BBMP Bangalore And BBMP Have Assigned Ward No.9, Site Area Measuring About East To West 30+18/2 Feet And North To South 31.06+32/2 Feet. And Bounded On: On North By : Road, On South By : Private Property, On East By : Middle Portion Of Same Property Belongs To Smt. Manjula, On West By : Drain

Date : 06.10.2020
Place :Bangalore

Sd/-Authorized Officer
Canara Bank

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
Rajajinagar 1st Block, Branch Bangalore
(A Government Of India Undertaking)
(Head Office: Bangalore)

APPENDIX IV under Act- Rule 8 (1)

POSSESSION NOTICE (For Immovable Property)

The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the, **Rajajinagar 1st Block, Bangalore** Under Securitisation And Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **22.01.2020** calling upon the borrower **1) Mr. Narasimha Murthy N,** S/o. Narasimhaiah, Chairman Compound, D 1st Main Road, 4th Cross, BBMP (M Corpn+OG), Byatarayanapura, Bangalore – 560026 **2) Mrs. Manjula M** W/o. Narasimha Murthy, Chairman Compound D 1st Main Road, 4th Cross, BBMP (M Corpn+OG), Byatarayanapura, Bangalore – 560026 **3) Mr. Hanumegowda** S/o. Chikkamallappa, No. 44, 1st Cross, Janatha Colony, Hoysalanagar, Bangalore – 560072 to repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being **Rs. 5,13,665.62** (Rupees Five Lakhs Thirteen Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Five and Sixty Two Paisa Only) as on **14.01.2020** within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general, that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 & 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 on this **06day of October of the year 2020**

The Borrower/Guarantor/Mortgagor in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of the **Canara Bank** for an amount of **Rs. 5,13,665.62** (Rupees Five Lakhs Thirteen Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Five and Sixty Two Only) as on **14.01.2020** and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available, to redeem the secured assets.

Shedule-B: All that piece and parcel of property situated at No. 02, 4th Cross, Timber Yard Layout, Byatarayanpura, Bangalore – 560026 standing in the name of Smt. Narasimha Murthy N measuring 1152 Sq. Ft and bounded by : North by: Road, South by : Anandappa Property, East by: Road, West by: Mestri Ramanna.

Date : 06.10.2020
Place :Bangalore

Sd/-Authorized Officer
Canara Bank

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank
(A GOVERNMENT OF INDIA UNDERTAKING)
Ashoka Pillar Branch
No.67, 2nd Block, Jayanagar
Bengaluru 560 011, Phone No. 080 26568681
email : cb0428@canarabank.com
website: www.canarabank.com

POSSESSION NOTICE [(SECTION 13(4)]

Ref : CBAP : RLHL : 619/2304 : 108 : 2020-21

Whereas: The undersigned being the Authorised Officer of the **Canara Bank Ashoka Pillar Branch, Bangalore** under Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act 54 of 2002) (hereinafter referred to as "the Act") and in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued a Demand Notice dated **24.02.2020** calling upon the borrower **Sri Sunil Paswan** S/o Sri Arjun Ram No.108, Sriven Exotica, M M Layout Subhash Nagar, Singasandra, Bengaluru 560068. **Joint Borrower Smt. Alisha Paswan,** W/o Sri Sunil Paswan No.108, Sriven Exotica, M M Layout Subhash Nagar, Singasandra, Bengaluru 560068. to repay the amount mentioned in the notice, being **Rs.30,84,107.30** (Rupees thirty lakhs eighty four thousand one hundred seven and paisa thirty only) within 60 days from the date of receipt of the said notice.

The borrower having failed to repay the amount, notice is hereby given to the borrower and the public in general that the undersigned has taken possession of the property described herein below in exercise of powers conferred on him / her under section 13 (4) of the said Act, read with Rule 8 & 9 of the said Rule on this **Sixth day of October of the year 2020 (06.10.2020).**

The borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned not to deal with the property and any dealings with the property will be subject to the charge of **Canara Bank** for an amount of **Rs.32,51,606.30** (Rupees thirty two lakhs fifty one thousand six hundred six and paisa thirty only) and interest thereon.

The borrower's attention is invited to the provisions of Section 13 (8) of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Description of the Immovable Property

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Flat no.108, First Floor in the apartment complex known as "Sriven Exotica" with super built up area of 896 sft, 460.50 sft undivided area and one car parking space in the basement constructed on property bearing Sy. no.146/2, BBMP Khatha No.:94/146/2 situated at M M Layout, Shubhashnagara, Sigasandra, Begur Village, Bengaluru 560 068 belonging to Sri Sunil Paswan and Smt. Alisha Paswan and bounded : On the North by : Open to sky, On the South by : Open to sky, On the East by : Flat No.107, On the West by : Flat No. 107.

Date : 06.10.2020
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/-Authorized Officer
Canara Bank

Finance Department, Vidhana Soudha, Bengaluru

No.: FD 03 BMB 2020 Date: 09.10.2020

PRESS COMMUNIQUE

It is notified for general information that the outstanding balance of 8.42% **Karnataka Government Stock** issued in terms of the Government of Karnataka, Finance Department Notification No. FD 03 BMB 2010 dated **November 04, 2010** will be repaid at par on **November 10, 2010** with interest due up to and including **November 09, 2020.** In the event of a holiday being declared on the aforesaid date by any State Government under the Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881, the loan will be repaid by the paying offices in that State on the previous working day. **No interest will accrue on the loan from and after November 10, 2020.**

2. As per sub-regulation 24 (2) and 24 (3) of Government Securities Regulations, 2007 payment of maturity proceeds to the registered holder of Government Security held in the form of Subsidiary General Ledger or Constituent Subsidiary General Ledger account or Stock Certificate shall be made by a pay order incorporating the relevant particulars of his bank account or by credit to the account of the holder in any bank having facility of receipt of funds through electronic means. For the purpose of making payment in respect of the securities, the original subscriber or the subsequent holders of such a Government Securities, as the case may be, shall submit to the Bank or Treasury and Sub-Treasury or branch of State Bank of India, where they are enfaced/ registered for payment of interest, as the case may be, the relevant particulars of their bank account.

3. However, in the absence of relevant particulars of bank account/mandate for receipt of funds through electronic means, to facilitate repayment on the due date, holders of **8.42% Karnataka Government Stock,** should tender their securities at the Public Debt Office, 20 days in advance. The securities should be tendered for repayment, duly discharged on the reverse there of as under:

"Received the Principal due on the Certificate"

4. It should be particularly noted that at places where the treasury work is done by a branch of the State Bank of India, the securities, if they are in the form of Stock Certificates, should be tendered at the branch of the bank concerned and not at the Treasury or Sub-Treasury.

5. Holders who wish to receive payment at places other than those where the securities have been enfaced for payment should send them duly discharged to the Public Debt Office concerned by Registered and Insured Post. The Public Debt Office will make payment by issuing a draft payable at any Treasury/Sub-Treasury or branch of State Bank of India conducting Government Treasury work in the State of Karnataka.

Sd/-
(Dr. Ekroop Caur),
Secretary to Government
DIPR/DDU/27/MCA/2020-21 **(Budget & Resources)**

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Government of Karnataka
DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH EMPOWERMENT AND SPORTS

State Youth Centre, Nrupathunga Road, Bengaluru-560001
Tel: 080-22215601, Fax : 080-22215602

No.DYES/SSH/485/2019-20 Date : 03.10.2020

SHORT TERM RE-TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Through E-Procurement Portal Only)

According to Karnataka Transparency in public procurement act 1999 and Rules 2000 the Deputy Director (Administration), Department of Youth Empowerment and Sports, Bengaluru-560001, Karnataka is inviting the following tenders for the supply of food to inmates of the Sports Hostels. **Details of the Tenders : (1)** Sports Hostel, Bidar, Amount put to tender **Rs. 22,66,875/- EMD** amount **Rs. 50,000/-.**

Last date for submission of bids through e-procurement portal is **12.10.2020, Time: 16:00 hours.** The bids shall be submitted through e-Procurement Portal **http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in.** The tender document can be viewed free of cost in the e-Procurement Portal.

Sd/- Deputy Director (Admin) and Tender Inviting Authority
DIPR/DDU/SSC/1345/2020-21 **Dept. Youth Empowerment and sports**

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GOVERNMENT OF INDIA ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNION TERRITORY OF LAKSHADWEEP
(DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRICITY)
KAVARATTI - 682 555

F. No. 86/28/2019-ELE DATED. 06.09.2020

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Department of Electricity, UT of Lakshadweep Administration, Kavaratti invites competitive e-Tender from the Original Licensed Manufacturers or their Authorized Distributors/Agents for the following work as detailed below.

Name of Work	02 Nos.Fresh fabricated 6 Kilo liter diesel bowser complete in all respect and as per technical parameters at clause No.5.0, mounted on a new Truck Cab. Chassis of TATA/ ASHOK LEYLAND/ EICHER/ Equivalent Indian make. (Refer Annexure-I)
Tender Fee/Cost of Tender Form	₹ 500/-
EMD	₹ 120000/-
Bid Document available for downloading from	10 .10.2020 10.00
Bid Document available for downloading up to	26.10.2020 15.00
Last date & Time for submission of Bid	26.10.2020 15.00
Opening of Technical Bid	26.10.2020 16.00
Opening of Financial Bid	Will be decided after finalization of Technical Bid.

Tender Document containing detailed terms & conditions and goods required can be downloaded from the website **www.lakshadweep.gov.in.** Bidders willing to participate in the tender shall visit the e-tender website **www.tendersutl.gov.in** for participation.

For any help/query, please contact representative of the department through email **lk-ktelect@nic.in** or Telephone No. 04896262363, 04896 263544 and for help in processing of e-tender please contact e-tender helpdesk email **eproc@nic.in** Or Telephone No 0120 4200462

Sd/- (P.V. Hassan), EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (ELE)

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED

(CIN: U40109KA1999SGC025521)

No.SEE/Tr(M)/RMGC/AEE(C)/2020-21/2440-45 Date: 07-10-2020

BRIEF TENDER NOTIFICATION
(Only through E-Procurement Mode)

KPTCL invites tenders from the eligible bidders for the following works. **1) Extension of cable duct from 31.5MVA Transformer-2 to 11kV Breaker at 220/66/11kV sub-station premises, Yarandanahalli.** Amount put to tender: **Rs.6,58,000/-.** EMD: **Rs.16,450/-.** Category: **Others. (3rd Call). 2) Repair and maintenance to Control room building at 220kv Sub-Station, Bidadi.** Amount put to tender: **Rs.4,31,000/-.** EMD: **Rs.10,775/-.** Category: **Others. (3rd Call). 3) Extension of Existing switch gear shelter foundation and construction of power cable duct at 66/11kV sub-station premises, Chandrappa Circle.** Amount put to tender: **Rs.10,78,000/-.** EMD: **Rs.26,950/-.** Category: **Others. (1st Call). 4) Extension of Existing switch gear foundation and shelter at 66/ 11kV sub-station, Kodigehalli.** Amount put to tender: **Rs.11,85,000/-.** EMD: **Rs.29,625/-.** Category: **Others. (1st Call). 5) Construction of compound wall at front side of control room building at 66/11kV sub-station premises, Ranganadoddi.** Amount put to tender: **Rs.6,50,000/-.** EMD: **Rs.16,250/-.** Category: **Others. (1st Call). 6) Construction of RCC drain along the perimeter of existing security fencing at 66/11kV sub-station premises, Iggaluru.** Amount put to tender: **Rs.9,00,000/-.** EMD: **Rs.11,250/-.** Category: **SC. (1st Call). 7) Construction of compound wall at front corner side at 66/11kV sub-station premises, Harobele.** Amount put to tender: **Rs.10,00,000/-.** EMD: **Rs.12,500/-.** Category: **ST. (1st Call). 8) Providing Jelly spreading at 66/11kV station, Jigani.** Amount put to tender: **Rs.9,67,000/-.** EMD: **Rs.12,088/-.** Category: **SC. (1st Call).**

The detailed notification regarding the subject enquiry in the E-Procurement Portal process can be obtained by logging into KPTCL website **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** on Hyperlink "e-procurement-KPTCL" on or after **12.10.2020 at 15:00 Hrs.** Other details can be obtained from the office of the undersigned.

Sd/-, Superintending Engineer, (Ele),
Transmission (Maint), Ramanagara Circle,
220/66/11KV Vrushabhavati Valley Station, 1st Floor, Near RR Nagara Arch, Mysuru Road, Bengaluru-560 039. Tel: 080-28608484.

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RMC Yard police arrested a 26-year-old man for allegedly stealing valuables from women travelling alone in buses. The accused, Adil Pasha, is a resident of Thanisandra. Police said that Pasha was a leader of a gang, including women, that committed thefts in buses

TN's Kannadigas want Kannada as 1st language

They are unhappy as there has been no recruitment for the vacant posts in at least 35 Kannada schools

K SHIVA KUMAR @Mysuru

TAMIL Nadu Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswamy has recently urged the Karnataka government to restart Tamil schools in the state. Now, Kannadigas across the border in Erode and Krishnagiri want the Tamil Nadu government to retain Kannada as a medium of instruction and as the first language.

Kannadigas are unhappy as there has been no recruitment for the vacant posts in at least 35 Kannada schools. They want the Karnataka government to increase reservation and facilities for the welfare and development of border area Kannadigas.

Talawadi taluk in Erode district with more than 80 per cent Kannada population has about 28 schools including primary and highschool and also two pre-university colleges. But the Tamil Nadu government proposed to introduce Tamil as the first language in Kannada schools. This was challenged in the court, which ruled that Kannada will be the first language in Kannada schools till 2022.

Kannadigas across the border want Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa to take up the issue with his Tamil Nadu counterpart to retain Kannada medium schools with Kannada as their first language in future.

Channananjappa, a Kannada activist, said that the government should respect people's sentiments instead of forcing Tamil as the first language in Kannada schools. He said that Tamil medium teachers are posted in Kannada medium highschools and PU colleges, which will compel the students to opt for Tamil medium in Kannada schools.

> **The government should respect people's sentiments instead of forcing Tamil as the first language in Kannada schools**
> — Channananjappa, Kannada activist

Shivakumar of Talawadi said that the Tamil Nadu government should fill up the vacancies in Kannada medium schools. He observed that the mushrooming of private schools and lack of support from the Tamil Nadu government has resulted in a fall in admissions to schools in Chikkhalli. While there are no sufficient Kannada teachers in highschools, the student strength in Kannada schools is good, he said.

Many parents in recent times have been sending their children to Karnataka for higher studies and with hopes of better job opportunities.

Though Kannada Development Authority chairman Mukhyamantri Chandru visited Talawadi and held folklore programmes and instilled confidence in the Kannadigas by announcing scholarships, nothing much has changed on the ground.

Kannada Chaluvali leader Vatal Nagraj said that the Tamil Nadu Chief Minister should look into the condition of the Kannada schools in his own state before urging Karnataka to restart Tamil schools.

> **I regret supplying cane to the factory. I spent a huge amount of money besides spending days and nights in the fields to cultivate a bumper crop**
> Shivanand Bogur, cane farmer

Cane farmer Shivanand Bogur sitting inside the grave he dug

BELAGAVI FARMER DIGS GRAVE, SITS INSIDE IN PROTEST

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Belagavi

A large section of sugarcane growers in Belagavi district, known as the sugar-bowl of Karnataka, have been miserable as a few sugar factories have failed to clear their pending dues. Unable to eke out a living, Shivanand Bogur, a cane grower from MK Hubli, near Belagavi, has dug a grave and sat inside it in protest against the non-clearance of his pending dues.

A video of Bogur, dejected over not getting his dues after supplying sugarcane to the MK Hubli Sugar Factory, appealing to the government officials to come and bury him in the grave, went viral on social media platforms on Friday.

Bogur regrets supplying the cane to the Factory. "I spent a huge amount of money besides spending days and nights in the fields to cultivate a bumper crop," he said.

He said that he had supplied 114 tonnes of cane to the factory for which he was supposed to be paid Rs 85,000 but the factory but did not pay him. Despite repeated reminders, Bogur said that nobody from the factory responded to his requests.

Left with no choice, he started a protest in this way to end his own life. Stating that the factory did not pay his dues even two years after he supplied cane, Bogur said that he did not even have the money to pay his children's school fees or to make a living.

Several cane growers and farmers appealed to the government solve the issue.

COVID WOES

Forest dept prunes staff size due to fund crunch

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

EFFORTS to minimise man-animal conflict could take a major hit as contract staff strength has been reduced in many forest ares of the state due to Covid-19 and shortage of central government funds.

While the Forest Department is trying to address the issue of the ground staff, especially those in the anti-poaching camps, staff strength has already taken a beating in many places. In Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary (CWS), 48 watchers have left their jobs for various reasons, most importantly as they have not been getting salaries. In Bhadra Wildlife Sanctuary, 39 people were removed.

In Kali Tiger Reserve, forest watchers who feared losing their jobs, staged a protest on Thursday. They resumed duties only after the reserve director gave them a written assurance that they will not be removed due to financial constraints.

The fear of losing jobs also haunts forest watchers at the anti-poaching camps in other forests including Bandipur and Nagarahole Tiger Reserves. Kali Tiger Reserve Director Maria Christu Raj D told *TNIE* that finances were a problem as, under Project Tiger, funds only were given only for the March-October period and now funds from other projects are being utilised.

Cauvery Wildlife Sanctuary Deputy Conservator of Forests Ramesh Kumar too pointed out that funds allocated for creating fire lines was utilised to pay staff salaries. "It has been decided not to hire any new recruits", he said.

During the lockdown and the Unlock period, many poaching cases were reported in Karnataka.

A senior official from Bhadra reserve said some staffers were removed because of the financial crunch and also because they had started creating problems as they were not paid. But now the others in the anti-poaching camps are stressed as there is a shortage of manpower, he pointed out.

Annually the centre allocates funds to every state for wildlife and forest management, but due to the Covid-19 induced lockdown, the funds have not been released. "The Centre and states share the funding, but this year there is a problem," said Ajai Mishra, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Wildlife.

Forest Minister Anand Singh assured *TNIE* that he will talk to the chief minister and the forest department on this and look into it immediately.

Only 200 people on Dasara opening day

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Mysuru/Bengaluru

THE Covid-19 technical advisory committee (TAC), constituted by the State Government to give its recommendations on conducting the 10-day Dasara amidst the pandemic, has favoured holding this year's celebrations virtually for the public and limiting the entry of people for the Jamboo Savari on October 26 to 300 persons only.

While keeping with traditions and cultural activities, the committee has also recommended to strictly limit the entry of the public, including guests, to just 200 people on the opening ceremony of the Dasara, on October 17 atop Chamudi Hills, which will be attended by Chief Minister B S Yediyurappa.

The three-member committee of chairman Dr M K Sudarshan and member-secretaries Dr Mahamood Shariff and Dr Lokesh Alahari, carried out an inspection at Chamundi Hills and Mysuru Palace on Friday and held discussions with the district officials.

Rehearsals are under way for the Dasara celebrations in Mysuru | EXPRESS

The district administration had earlier written to the Chief Secretary seeking permission to make seating arrangements for 2,000 people for the Jamboo Savari. However, the committee has suggested that the presence of people during the procession, including officials, staff on duty, artists and security personnel, be limited to just 300 members.

It has further said that cultural programmes in the evenings for eight days at Mysuru palace be limited to two hours and involve local artists only not exceeding 50 persons. It has also recommended illumination of select areas between 7 pm and 9 pm on all 10 days and added that police personnel should be deployed at strategic places to prevent crowding.

The experts have said that all Covid protocols must be mandatorily followed and all those participating in the festivities should undergo an RT-PCR test and carry a valid pass and Covid-19 negative certificate.

While the district administration was thinking of bringing international fame artists from other parts of the country to perform, the committee has recommended choosing artists from the state.

CRIME PATROL

Two held for running hawala racket

Bengaluru: CCB police arrested two men for allegedly running a hawala racket and have seized Rs 4.50 lakh of cash from the accused. The accused, Rana Samla (36) and Chetan (20), are both residents of PRS Lane in Nagarthapet and hail from Gujarat. Based on a tip-off, their house was raided on Thursday. It was found that they were also taking bets on the ongoing IPL cricket matches. "The accused used to receive unaccounted money from businessmen and transferred it to people specified by the businessmen, taking a commission on a percentage basis. As they did it through hawala channels, the businessmen evaded taxes," the police said. A case has been registered at Halsuru Gate police station. **ENS**

EXPRESS READ

Tumakuru court admits case against Kangana Ranaut

Tumakuru: The Judicial Magistrate First Class court here, which admitted a criminal complaint by High Court advocate Ramesh Naik against Bollywood actress Kangana Ranaut, directed police the on Friday to investigate the case and file a report in three months. The Kythsandra police will investigate the case and file a report. Once the police files a report, she may be summoned to the Karnataka High Court. **ENS**

SWR to save nearly Rs 1.9 crore through its solar initiatives

Bengaluru: The numerous solar initiatives undertaken by the South Western Railway Zone across its Mysuru, Bengaluru and Hubbali Divisions has helped it save electricity bills worth Rs 1.78 crore in the previous fiscal. It is expected to help it save Rs 1.88 crore in 2020-2021. An official release said, "Altogether 4.4 million units of electricity was generated by the solar panels which may increase to 4.6 million units this year." Solar plants have been installed on the rooftops of 128 stations. They have also been provided on seven service buildings. **ENS**

Siddu, HDK say don't open schools this year

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"WE are only eliciting views of all stakeholders. Unfortunately, it is being projected as if we are reopening schools, which is not true," Suresh Kumar clarified.

Suresh Kumar said the 'Vidyagama' programme is being conducted with all safety measures and added that it is unfortunate that it is projected as Covid-prone. Referring to four children who had tested positive in Afzalpur in Kalaburagi district, Kumar said they were not infected because of attending classes. "When random testing was done in the town, four children tested positive. One should not connect this to Vidyagama," he stressed.

In Ballari district, over 700 children aged below 14 years, and 300 teachers have been infected with Covid-19, while 10 government school teachers have contracted the virus. In Belagavi district, as many as 25 students and six teachers have tested positive in Timmapur and other villages in Ramdurg taluk. Owing to this, the entry of government primary school teachers into these villages has been restricted.

> **Life is precious. Do not start schools and pass children to the next class based on their previous year's performance. Let schools decide on giving grades to children of Classes 10 and 12**
> HD Kumaraswamy, former CM

Former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has insisted that the government should not open schools this academic year. In a letter to the Education Minister, Siddaramaiah pointed out that the number of positive cases is increasing in the state. As per government records, so far 20,256 children aged below 10 years and 47,061 children aged between 11 and 20 years have tested Covid-positive so far. As many as 61 children have died due to pandemic, he pointed out.

"People are wearing masks, maintaining social distance and using hand sanitisers. But we cannot expect children to follow all precautions and they will be unnecessarily exposed to the virus if schools are reopened," he said.

Former CM H D Kumaraswamy too has urged the government not to reopen schools.

However, the adviser to the government on educational reforms, Prof M R Doreswamy, has suggested that educational institutions in Karnataka can be reopened in a phased manner starting with colleges. He said that pre-university students can resume academics at institutes in a phased manner, followed by students of lower grades, but only up to Class 6.

ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

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ಶ್ರೀ ಆರ್.ಶಿವಕುಮಾರ್, ಬಿ.ಎ.,ಎಲ್.ಎಲ್.ಬಿ
ವಕೀಲರು, ನಂ.1, ಎಸ್.ಟಿ.ಬಿ.ಕಾಂಪ್ಲೆಕ್ಸ್, ಕೋರ್ಟ್ ಹತ್ತಿರ, ಆಡಿಟೆಲ್ ರಸ್ತೆ, ಅನೇಕಲ್ ಟೌನ್, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು ನಗರ ಜಿಲ್ಲೆ.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform General Public, My Client **Mr. Gabriel.A. S/o Mr. M. Alexander,** residing at N. 586/609, 11th B Cross, 2nd Phase, Girinagar, Bangalore-560085, **Mr. M. ALEXANDER** has executed **Cancellation of Gift Deed** registered as document No. CMP-1-109098/2016-17, C.D. No. CMPD 176, dated 09-03-2017, Book-1, registered in the office of the Sub Registrar, Basavanagudi (Chamarajapete), Bangalore in favour of **Mrs. NAOMI SNEHALATHA,** D/o Mr. M. ALEXANDER, in respect of property bearing site No. 586, Second Floor, BBMP Khatha No. 586, under PID No. 54-238-586, situated at 11th 'B' cross, 2nd Phase, Girinagar, Bangalore, (Vishwabharathi international Complex Layout), Bangalore, Consisting a plinth area of 224 Sq.ft., and Open-Area of 1,276 Sq.ft).

My client hereby declares that my client said original **Cancellation of Gift Deed** is lost while shifting our residence within the limits of Girinagar Police Station Bangalore. In this behalf lodged online police complaint vide Serial No. 875469, Lost Report No. 127388/2020, dated 09.10.2020, after through search he has not been able to trace out the original **Cancellation of Gift Deed** and as such through this Public Notice he has confirmed that the above said original document has been lost.

If anybody finds/traces the said original documents. it is requested to contact and handover to the under signed immediately and the finder will be suitably rewarded.

Bangalore. Dt: 09.10.2020
Shivanna, Advocate.
No. 24, 12th Main Road 4th Block East, Jayanagar, (Near Sub-Registrar Officer), Bangalore - 560 011.
Ph: (M) 9901507257.
Sd/- (Gabriel A.)
M: No. 9900515559

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **VALLIYAMMA, W/o. Dorai Swamy** R/at. No.57, 5th Cross, Munishwara Nagar, Devarajeevanahalli, Arabic College Post, Bengaluru-560045. I have converted from **'HINDU'** to **'MUSLIM'** & changed my name from **VALLIYAMMA** to **FATHIMA,** hereafter in all records, deeds and writing proceedings, vide affidavit dated 12/03/2020 sworn before notary B.Hanumantharaya, Bengaluru-560022

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that my client **Shri. Raghavendra B K** S/o. Kalaiah aged about 36 years residing at 20, 8th 'B' Cross, Jnanajyothinagara, Mallathalli, Bengaluru-560056. Has entered into sale agreement for compensatory allotment of site by BDA towards the acquisition of the property bearing Sy.No.46. totally measuring 1 acre 11 guntas out of which 1 acre 5 guntas **situated at Kommaghatta Village. Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk,** with K Veerana Gowda S/o, Ere Gowda aged about 58 years residing at 127/8, Basavanagudi, Uma Theatre, K.G.Nagar, Bengaluru South, Gavi Puram Extn., Bengaluru South, Bengaluru-79, on the other hand my client have invested huge amount towards the said property as such, public are hereby informed not to enter into any sort of agreement or Deeds towards the said property, If entered also the same not have any legal santity and same stands cancelled.

Shri. Raghavendra B.K.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are informed that my client viz. **M/s. SLV BUILDERS,** intend to enter into Joint Development Agreement for develop the Property bearing Sy No.53/4, situated at Jarakabandekaval Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring 0-10 Guntas and bounded on the

East by : Property belongs to Abdul Khudus;
West by : Property bearing Sy No. 3/1B/8-2 (New No.53/1B/8B-1);
North by : Private Property, &
South by : Property bearing Sy No.53/ B/8-2 (New No.53/1B/8B-1);

with the Present owners **Mr. M. C. VENKATESHA MURTHY & Mrs. SUDHA MURTHY.**

Persons having any right over the said property may lodge their objections/claims with documentary evidence within 8 days from this day to the undersigned. In the absence of any claims within the above said period. it shall be deemed that there are no such claims or that if there are any claims and they have not been made, it shall be deemed to have been waived.

SRI VINAYAKA ASSOCIATES,
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CLASSIFIEDS

PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SWAPNALI NARENDRA SHAMKUWAR,** R/at A-902, Skylark Esta Apartment, Hoodi Graphite Main Road, Hoodi, Bangalore-560048 have changed my name to **SWAPNALI SHAMKUWAR,** vide affidavit dated 03/10/2020 before Notary **C. MALLIKARJUNAPPA,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **HOTHUR MOHAMAD IQBAL,** R/at No.153, Hothur Tower, Amar Jyothi Layout K.G.A. Road, Domlur, Bengaluru-560071 have changed my name to **MOHAMAD IQBAL** vide affidavit dated:09/10/2020 Before Notary **H.S.Sakalesharadhya** Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Sumana Mullerpattan, D/o. Gurudutt Mullerpattan, Resident of Malleswaram, Bangalore have changed my name to '**SUMAN UGRAN**' as consequence of my marriage with Giridhar Ugran, Resident of Malleswaram, Bangalore. Vide affidavit dated 12.09.2020. Sworn before Advocate and Notary, C.Srinivas, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SANJEEVA,** S/o. Ganapa Poojari, residing at No. 591, 5th Main, 2nd Block, R.T. Nagar, Bangalore-560032, have changed my OLD NAME **"SANJEEVA"** to NEW NAME **"SANJEEVA PADUKONE GANAPA POOJARI",** vide affidavit Dated 08/10/2020 before the Notary Sivakumara.M.N., Bangalore City.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **PADMAMMA B.,** age 46 years, Date of Birth 20.04.1974, W/o Channegowda, R/at No. 3, 3rd Floor, 1st Main Road, A G S Layout, Arehalli, Subramanyapura, Bangalore-560 061 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **PADMAMMA B.** to **SUMA,** hereafter I shall be known and called as SUMA only for all practical purposes, vide affidavit dated 8th Oct. 2020, sworn before Advocate and Notary **G. DAKSHAHINI,** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **NADIRA MOHAMED IQBAL,** R/at No.153, Hothur Tower, Amar Jyothi Layout, K.G.A. Road, Domlur, Bengaluru -560071, have changed my name to **NADIRRA IQBAL** vide affidavit dated:09/10/2020 Before Notary **H.S.Sakalesh aradhya** Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Ms.Skriti kumari, D/o.Shailendra Kumar Choudhary, aged about 28 years, R/at Gram-Piprahi, PO-Piprahi, PS-Ladania, Madhubnani, Piprahi, Bihar, 847232. I have changed my name from '**SKRITI KUMARI**' to '**SKRITI CHOUDHARY**'. Vide affidavit dated 08.10.2020. Sworn before Advocate and Notary, B.M.Chandrashekar, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MEER YAQOOB ALI,** R/at 628/A, Lakshmi Narasimha Nilaya, 3rd cross, V.B. Layout, Krishnarajapuram, Bangalore - 560 036, have changed my name to **SYED RIZWAN** vide Affidavit dated 08.10.2020, sworn to before Notary L. Gopalakrishna, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **S. SUSHIL,** D/o T. Narasimhappa, R/at No. 261A, Renukapura, Challakere, Chitradurga-577 537, Karnataka do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **S. SUSHIL** to **N. SUSHEELA,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **N. SUSHEELA** only for all practical purposes, vide affidavit dated 9th October 2020, sworn before Advocate and Notary **L. GOPALAKRISHNA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) PAUL JEYAKUMAR,** Residing at No. 146, 8th Cross, Ashok Puram, Yeshwanthpur, Bengaluru-560022, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) PAUL JEYAKUMAR** to **(NEW NAME) KUMAR.J.** vide affidavit Dated 09/10/20 sworn before Notary Chandrakala, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **RAVIKUMAR. B.N.** S/o Nanjegowda aged 39 years, Residing at No.12, Rajeswarinagara. Laggere, 1st Cross, Bangalore - 560058, in my SSLC Marks Card and TC Certificate my name wrongly entered as **RAVIKUMARA. B.N.** and in my Voter Id, Adhar Card & in other documents are in the correct name as **RAVI KUMAR. B.N.** I hereby declare that the above both names are same & belongs to me, vide affidavit dated 06.10.2020 sworn before Notary Smt. Vatsala, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **NAGARAJ, S/o. Sri Venkataswamy,** R/at No. 23, Chinu Shashi Nilaya, 12th Cross, Vinayaka Layout, K.R. Puram, Bengaluru-560036, have changed that our son's name from **SHASHANK N.S.** to **BALAJI SHASHANK GOWDA N.S.** Vide affidavit dated 09-10-2020 sworn before notary, G. Rajendra, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **KARTHIK SAMPIGE RAJU,** S/o Sampige Mruthyunjayappa Raju, R/t Door No. 693, Annapurna 1st Block, 3rd Stage, 18th Main Road, Manjunath Nagar, Bangalore-560010, Karnataka, India do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **KARTHIK SAMPIGE RAJU** to **KARTHIK S RAJ,** hereafter I shall be known and called as **KARTHIK S RAJ** only for all practical purposes, vide affidavit dated 7th Oct. 2020, sworn before Advocate and Notary **T.C. THIMMARAJA** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **(OLD NAME) ZABI,** S/o Mohammed Shafiulla, residing at No. 1020, Lakshmidevamma Block, 3rd Cross, Ganganagar, Bangalore-560032, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) ZABI** to **(NEW NAME) ZABI ULLA** vide affidavit Dated 09/10/20 sworn before Notary Chandrakala, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHARATH KURUBAA,** son of MANJUNATH M., aged about 17 years, R/o. No. 47, Malleshpalya Main Road, Maruthi Nagar, Bengaluru 560075, Karnataka, India, hereby declare that my family members changed my name from **RAKSHITH M.** to **SHARATH KURUBAA.** Vide affidavit dated 24-07-2020 sworn before Advocate & Notary M. Rajendra, Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **SUNIL SHASHIDARAI @ SUNIL S,** S/o Shashidaraiah, age 28 years, R/at No. 7368, Basaveshwara Nilaya, Narasojirao Layout, Near Vishal School, Subhashnagar, Nelamangala, Bengaluru Rural District-562 124, now at Bangalore do hereby declare that both the names i.e. **SUNIL SHASHIDARAI** and **SUNIL S.** are one and the same and belongs to me only, henceforth I shall be known and called as **SUNIL SHASHIDARAI** only for all practical purposes, vide affidavit dated 8-10-2020, sworn before Advocate and Notary **PUTTARAMAIAH** at Bangalore.

EDITORIAL

"It is an ominous sign of the time that Indian history is being viewed in official circles in the perspective of recent politics"

R C Majumdar (1962)

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— Ramnath Goenka

RBI'S MONETARY POLICY REVIEW SHOWS CLARITY OF THOUGHT

It's never an easy job to be handed control of price stability when inflation is repeatedly running amok. Yet, the RBI's Monetary Policy Committee (MPC), with new external appointees, stood out on Friday. Inflation and interest rates are inversely correlated, which means when prices rise, policy rates need to go up. But for the first time, the MPC was explicit about its accommodative policy stance. In its assessment, the current inflation hump is due to supply shocks, which it was willing to look through. Hence, the MPC gave time-bound guidance to remain accommodative 'during the current financial year and into the next financial year', setting aside the often-used 'as long as necessary to revive growth on a durable basis' for purposeful ambiguity. Effectively, rate hikes are out of the window and such clarity of thought is much needed because inflation may remain elevated for some more time.

Unarguably, Friday's review was Governor Shaktikanta Das's finest so far under the extraordinary circumstances. Of late, bond markets are nothing but a mass of nerves due to supply glut on account of Central and state government securities aggregating ₹22 lakh crore. Their waning appetite was evident with three devolutions in the 10-year bond auctions last month. This perhaps prompted Das to launch a friendly joust that the RBI and bond market actions can be 'competitive without being combative'. For brevity, he announced ₹1 lakh crore on-tap targeted long-term repo operations and introduced open market operations for state government loans as a special case till March 31. This, along with the MPC's accommodative stance, should temper bond yields. Traders wasted no time to voice their approval, with 10-year and 3-year bond yields falling 8 and 16 bps respectively during intraday trading on Friday.

On growth, the RBI projects real GDP to contract 9.5% in FY21. While real-time indicators suggest economic activity may bottom out in Q3, Das said the near-term outlook remains hostage to the virus and given private investment may take longer to stabilise, only higher public capital spending will be the gamechanger.

WELCOME SCHOOL EDU OVERHAUL IN AP

The Andhra Pradesh government has embarked on a major overhaul of school education, making it one of its flagship programmes aimed at bringing government schools on a par with their private counterparts. This is, of course, not the first time such a task has been taken up. Similar endeavours in the past had begun amid hype and hoopla, only to run off course. Therefore, one could understandably be cynical of the current ambitious drive. However, this time, the strategy, vision and importantly, implementation offer hope that it is not going to be yet another scheme without the steam.

From upgrading curricula to match modern standards, drastically improving infrastructure, offering better, nutritious mid-day meals and school kits to students on time to training teachers and last but not the least, incentivising parents—all of these steps are underway. The coronavirus pandemic has given time to spruce up schools. The first phase of the Nadu-Nedu scheme launched with a budget of ₹3,000 crore has seen completion of 50% works with the rest in various stages. It is a sad commentary that even now many government schools do not have proper classrooms. A well-equipped and neat classroom is a basic requirement that instils pride among students and helps stimulate their interest. All this ought to have been done much earlier.

Shortage of funds wasn't an issue, it was the absence of will. A look at budgetary allocations over the last few years shows it was just 11.21% in 2020-21, compared to 14.31% the previous year and 16.44% in 2015-16. If we take the revised estimates of last fiscal, however, this year's allocation is much higher, by almost ₹5,000 crore. Optimum utilisation of funds is the key.

If the government continues the same way while ensuring equal improvement in teaching standards, the much-longed-for sea change in government schools could be achieved. It is high time it is done since Andhra has the worst literacy rate among all the states at just 66.4% and private schools have all but commercialised education, making it unaffordable to the poor.

The deep-rooted anti-democratic outlook of the Indian ruling classes, with their essentially feudal mindset, that culminated in the Emergency did not die with it

INDIAN DEMOCRACY AND AMBEDKAR'S TERRIFYING PRESCIENCE

AMIT BANDRE

PAUL ZACHARIA

Award-winning fiction writer

Indian democracy turned 70 this year and this may be as good a time as any to look back on how the world's largest democracy has fared these seven decades.

Arguably, Indian democracy was shaped from its infancy by the Congress, the Nehru-Gandhi family, elite groups of civil servants of the day and an assortment of courtiers. After Mahatma Gandhi's death, it didn't take long for the Congress to distance itself from the idea of democracy close to his heart—a decentralised governance from the grassroots managed by the people—and embrace the realpolitik of a democracy run by parties and majorities.

The five-yearly elections that brought the winner undreamt-of power across the full spectrum of state authority, especially the exchequer, sent a motley crowd clambering upon the democracy bandwagon. Legislative Assemblies as well as houses of Parliament abounded with mediocrities and criminal elements, and the opposition were little different from the ruling parties in the abuse of democratic power. Each state hosted its own reality show of democracy. Elections legitimised every misdeed. They constituted the seal of democratic credibility. Film stars and liquor barons to business magnates and common criminals took their seats in the grand casino of Indian democracy and played to win, and keep winning. Not that there were no exceptions. But they did not last—or count.

Just over 25 years after the birth of the Republic, the Emergency was declared, deleting democracy from the nation's credentials. Ironically, as types go, the people who imposed the Emergency were a near-replica of those who kick-started democracy in India—the Congress, the Nehru-Gandhi family, civil servants, courtiers, et al. Emergency was—perhaps the time has come to remind ourselves—a beyond-belief betrayal that fundamentally altered the nature and course of Indian democracy.

The deep-rooted anti-democratic outlook of the Indian ruling classes—with their essentially feudal mindset, an open secret no one seems to want to acknowledge—that culminated in the Emergency did not die with it. It was, for the astute politician, an 18-month practical course in the art of undoing a liberal democracy. The anti-democratic mindset—the contempt for and impatience with the common man, and the disregard for their rights and freedoms—came to permeate every arm of governance. Legislations that dealt deadly blows to fundamental freedoms and human rights were enacted one after the other with hardly a murmur against them. The unkindest cut fell on the people of Kashmir, who rotted in a horrendous limbo between two terrors.

Side by side took place the slow but steady conversion of a large chunk of the Indian media from its time-honoured role as a whistle-blower for democracy and freedom to a fellow traveller of the state. Sections of the media ceased to stand with the people on fundamental issues of nationhood, the state's overt and covert suppressions of rights and freedoms, and the brutal use of force. In parallel, intellectuals in general took democracy for granted, paying attention only when violations directly hurt their own domain. The more the media identified with the state and intellectuals neglected the peril democracy was in, the more the grip of dangerously ignorant, even imbalanced, men and women grew stronger over them and the rest of the nation.

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Perhaps the secret of the BJP's success is that its think tanks have zeroed in on the decay in all its ramifications, identified the opportunities it held, and are using it to their advantage. The others do not seem to have even sensed there was a disaster, that they were a part of it, that each had a role in its making. Bogged down in the rot and mired in their self-centred dreams of power divorced from the destiny of the nation, they kept playing their tattered cards. But by then, the BJP had changed the rules of the game itself, having become masters of decadence. It is a sad realisation that there is no Indian political party whose hands are not tragically smeared with the blood of democracy.

A micro and macro upheaval of the belief systems and behaviour of political parties seems crucial to the survival of Indian democracy—and of the nation itself. Memories of Partition, of the wars, of the Emergency, of other horrors, return. The third front is dead. We do not even have a second front. The Congress, even as it stands condemned by history, is the only party whose name rings a bell in the minds of people across India. But is there a Congress? Can it reinvent itself?

It is a question that applies to every political party in India. They might do it in terms of acquiring cutting-edge social media clout, to upgrade their vote-gathering power. But will they reinvent themselves as democrats committed to the people of India? The answer will determine the future of India and that of a billion-odd women, men and children as free people.

Ambedkar's prescience is terrifying. In his concluding speech in the Constituent Assembly on 25 November 1949, he said: "...in addition to our old enemies in the form of castes and creeds, we are going to have many political parties with diverse and opposing political creeds... this much is certain that if the parties place creed above country, our independence will be put in jeopardy a second time and probably be lost forever."

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HISTORY IS OUR LEGACY, CAN'T ALLOW POLITICIANS TO FRITTER IT AWAY

NANDITHA KRISHNA

Historian, environmentalist and writer based in Chennai

The Maharashtra State Education Board has removed the chapters about the Sultanate period and the Mughals, limiting Akbar to three lines, in history textbooks. The history of India there is now Maharashtra-centric. Uttar Pradesh is doing something similar. Other states are teaching their own versions of history.

History is every politician's favourite whipping boy. The Congress had its own coterie of historians who were in power for so long that two generations of Indians studied their distorted history, a leftover of the British Raj. The British broke up Indian history into three sections: a backward 3,500-year ancient Hindu India, a battle-scarred 1,000-year Muslim medieval India and a progressive 200-year modern British period that was given equal space. Studying in the 1960s, that is what I learned. Studying in the 1990s, that is what my sons learned. The British had a specific goal: to divide Hindus and Muslims and to glorify Rule Britannica. They succeeded very well.

Having said that, does it mean states cannot change history textbooks? They can and they should. History in India has been the history of Delhi. But there is an India beyond Delhi.

Let us start with ancient India. Our history books still talk of the Aryan invasion of India without an iota of proof. And of a vertical varna system rather than horizontal jatis. How did the environment destroy the Indus civilisation? Most sites are found along the underground Ghaggar-Hakra paleo channel, which was probably the "mighty Sarasvati", and so on. Textbooks still speak of dark skinned Dasas who were defeated by the Aryans, whereas Divodasa and Sudasa were Aryan kings who fought and defeated tribes who attacked from the west and sent them packing. These tribes are still recognisable—Pakhta, Pars, Prithu, Pani (among others)—from the Afghan-Pakistan border region.

Then the medieval period. We know all about the medieval invaders of Delhi, but how many people know of the valiant kings who held out against the invaders, like Suheldev of Shravasti and Mularaja, the Chalukyan king of Gujarat? Or about Rajendra Chola who took his navy to conquer Southeast Asia? Or that the Ahom and Gond rulers were never conquered by the Mughals?

And finally the British period. The railways are hailed as the great gift of the British. But they destroyed our forests and wildlife and impoverished our people. In fact, the British Raj was a time of loot and destruction. We are taught to see this period with rose-tinted glasses, as a time of great progress, but the British were only interested in collecting taxes and repatriating them to Great Britain. People were forced to change traditional agricultural practices, from cultivating grains to growing opium and tobacco, which brought revenue. They took Indians as "indentured labour" to work as slaves in plantations elsewhere. The British atrocities in India are never mentioned.

Even the national movement is tinted. Mahatma Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru and the INC are hailed, but Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, the Naval Mutiny at Bombay and other freedom fighters and events get little mention. We know about 1857, but did you know that there were so many rebellions all over India, especially in the south where the Palayakaras (Poligars), the Marudu brothers and the sepoys of Vellore Fort revolted long before 1857?

> The impact of environmental events—such as the changing course of rivers, the destruction of forests to build cities—on Indian history is never discussed. ... Throughout our history, in every state, there have been queens, women warriors and scholars who have influenced events. Few of them are known—even by historians. Did you know that Chandragupta Maurya and Ashoka had a personal battalion of female guards to protect them?

The impact of environmental events—such as the frequent earthquakes of North India, the changing course of rivers, the destruction of forests to build cities and water harvesting systems—on Indian history is never discussed. The impact of people on the environment and vice versa makes a fascinating study of how and why events happened as they did.

And what about women? Throughout Indian history, in every state, there have been queens, women warriors and scholars who have influenced events and fought fiercely. Few of them are known—even by historians. Did you know that Chandragupta Maurya and Ashoka had a personal battalion of female guards to protect them?

Local history is very important. Maharashtrians must know about Maharashtra and Tamilians about Tamil Nadu. But Maharashtrians must also know about the Cholas and Tamilians about Shivaji. Just as Keralites must know about Kalhana's *Rajatarangini* and Kashmiris about the Battle of Colachel.

The BJP government promised to restructure history textbooks, but nothing has happened to NCERT books as yet. Meanwhile, state governments are on a roll, interpreting, adding and omitting events as they choose. Unless we foster a national history where great achievers are lauded, irrespective of their state, religion and politics, we cannot achieve a unity of minds. Ashoka, who "shines alone... brightly like a star," was forgotten within a few centuries of his death and it was left to Charles Allen to resurrect him 2,000 years later.

History is full of stories, and children love stories. As a child in the 1950s, I enjoyed British history because the books from England were full of stories. We could do the same for Indian history, instead of bombarding kids with wars and dates.

We need a national committee of historians and history teachers to work out a national curriculum, with blank chapters for each state to insert its own history, and children's writers to write the stories. History is our legacy and we cannot permit politicians to fritter it away. Today, children don't know the history of the city they live in, but are expected to rattle off the names of a long line of slave kings of Delhi, along with meaningless dates. No wonder they find history boring.

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Abusing freedom of speech

The Supreme Court was not wrong when it observed that freedom of speech was one of the most abused rights in recent times. It is disgusting that uncouth words and blatant lies are defended in the name of this freedom.

C G Kuriakose, Kothamangalam

Labour rights situation

It is disquieting to know that our country has slipped down to 151 out of 158 countries in protecting labour rights, according to Oxfam's Commitment to Reducing Inequality Index. The recent amendments to labour laws by the Centre and some states may make the scenario more dismaying.

A Raveendranath, Aranmula

WHO's theme appreciated

This is with reference to the opinion article *Mental health beyond the corona pandemic* (Oct 10). The pandemic has affected many lives, resulting in mental health conditions among a huge number of people. Therefore, the WHO's theme for this year's World Mental Health Day is highly appreciated.

C Ghanshyam, Visakhapatnam

Setting an example

People from all walks of life face such afflictions in one form or another at some point of time. There is thus a need to raise awareness about mental health among people and remove the stigma surrounding it.

Pujita Achary, Jeypore

Increasing IS threat

The National Investigation Agency deserves praise for busting an Islamic State terror module and arresting two men, including a Bengaluru-based rice merchant. It is apparent that the Islamic State is sparing no effort in making inroads into India. The authorities would do well to have an ear to the ground.

N J Ravi Chander, Bengaluru

Pay cuts for ministers

There are many reports about health workers not being paid their salaries in many states. This is a great injustice. If states don't have the money, why can't all corporators and ministers take a 50% pay cut to help the others?

R Kasthurirangan, Bengaluru

EPS proves his mettle

This is with reference to *Leadership issue settled, AIADMK puts up a united face* (Oct 10). Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami has proved his mettle enough to hold on to his post. Former chief minister O Panneerselvam also deserves praise for amicably settling the issue.

S Nallasivan, Tirunelveli

Setting an example

It is great that both EPS and OPS are setting an example about giving priority to the interests of the people more than their personal aims. Right now, the chief minister is the only leader who has a strong enough appeal to ensure AIADMK's victory in the Assembly elections.

R Pichumani, Kumbakonam

Voice of the oppressed

The news about the demise of Union Minister and Lok Janshakti Party leader Ram Vilas Paswan is saddening. He was the voice of the oppressed and championed the causes of the marginalised. The country has lost a charismatic leader.

Haribandhu Panigrahi, Tarbha

Education for all

The report about a Class 8 student gathering children without access to online classes and teaching them is heartwarming. Her warrior-like attitude towards adversity is remarkable. Her actions show that there are new ways of ensuring education for all, especially the disadvantaged.

Anaida Ann Jacob, Palakkad

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TWEETS OF THE DAY

Smriti Z Irani @smritiirani
It seems the real danger to the Congress flourishes unabashedly and no one seems to have the guts to tell the Yuvraj otherwise.

Jaiveer Shergill @JaiveerShergill
BJP Govt issuing advisories to TV Channels on content & preaching about freedom of press is equivalent to Gabbar giving lecture on IPC.

Piyush Goyal @PiyushGoyal
Nobody around Rahul Gandhi has the guts to tell him that he doesn't understand.

Govt asks pvt TV channels not to slander individuals

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THE Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (I&B) on Friday issued an advisory to all private channels to adhere to the Programme Code and said that programmes should not criticise, malign or slander any individual or certain groups.

The I&B Ministry said it has issued advisories to private satellite television channels to broadcast content strictly adhering to the Programme and Advertising Codes as prescribed under the Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 and the rules framed thereunder on several occasions in the past.

The advisory drew attention to the provisions that no programme should contain anything obscene, defamatory, false and suggestive innuendos and half truths, and no content should criticise, malign or slander any individual in person or certain groups, segments of social, public and moral life of the country.

"All private satellite television channels are requested to ensure compliance with the directions above," the ministry advisory said.

The Delhi High Court had, in its September 17 order, said: "It is hoped that the media houses and television channels would show restraint in the reporting and abide by the provisions of the Programme Code as also the various guidelines, both statutory and self regulatory, while making any report in relation to the petitioner."

The advisory comes in the wake of actor Rakul Preet Singh's plea in the Delhi High Court alleging defamatory programmes being run against her in connection with a drugs probe related to the Sushant Singh Rajput death case.

PARLIAMENT'S IT PANEL MAY TAKE UP TRP SCAM

Karti writes to House committee chief over rigging allegations, Nadda slams party saying it should stop 'witch-hunt' of media

Two of the accused in the TRP manipulation racket case being produced at Esplanade Court in Mumbai on Friday | PTI

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THE controversies surrounding alleged rigging of television rating points (TRPs) is now heading to Parliament, with Congress MP Karti Chidambaram writing to Shashi Tharoor, chairman of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Information Technology, asking for the matter to be taken up by the panel.

"Governments (Centre & State) and Businesses (Public & Private) base their advertising allocations to TV channels based on TRPs, so flawed or manipulated TRP cannot be the basis of ad spend," Chidambaram tweeted.

In his letter to Tharoor, Chidambaram wrote: "TRP of television channels have caused doubts on the legitimacy and the reliability of the system... TRPs produce essential data on the audiences in India and have become the primary basis for advertising decisions. but public spending should not be based on flawed data... In the light of this, the Standing Committee for Information and Technology needs to take up this issue."

With Opposition MPs accusing the government of supporting the channels under scanner, BJP president JP Nadda lashed out at the Congress, saying it carried out "witch-hunts against the media".

"If the Congress, their allies and eco-system feel their incompetence and inefficiency can be hidden by whimsical witch-hunts against media, they are mistaken. Instead, they should learn what democracy is and practice a democratic temperament," he tweeted.

Congress MP Gaurav Gogoi was quick to hit back, tweeting: "The fact that the National BJP President jumps in to defend a channel being investigated for lying to viewers and duping advertisers for money is astounding. Indeed birds of a feather flock together. Nadda ji, stop shielding a con-job. Nobody is above the law."

On Thursday, the Mumbai Police claimed to have busted a racket to manipulate TRP data by Republic TV and two other Marathi channels.

'Ensure equal presence of all on social media'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi

RAISING concerns over the misuse of micro-blogging sites in spreading misinformation, the CPI(M) has written to the Election Commission demanding effective mechanism to ensure a level-playing field on the mass media and social media.

The experience in recent times shows that the Bharatiya Janata Party, armed with its money power, enjoys an advantage over all other parties, it said.

The CPI (M) said before of the Bihar polls, the BJP had kicked off a virtual campaign by putting up 72,000 LED TV monitors for Home Minister Amit Shah's speech. After holding 60 virtual rallies, the BJP has claimed that its poll campaign efforts would involve 9,500 IT cell heads who will coordinate 72,000 WhatsApp groups, of which 50,000 have been formed in the last two months, it said.

"The amount of expenditure that would be involved to put together such manpower for a technology driven system is mind boggling. Even with figures for corporate contributions available in the public domain before the anonymous funding through electoral bonds came into vogue, it was clear that the gap between the BJP and other parties added together in securing corporate election funding has widened manifold.

SOLE MINISTER

ATHAWALE ONLY NDA ALLY LEFT IN MODI GOVT

MANISH ANAND @ New Delhi

THE passing away of the Lok Janshakti Party (LJP) founder Ram Vilas Paswan has turned the NDA government at the Centre into a BJP dispensation with Republican Party of India (RPI) leader **Ramdas Athawale** being the sole minister from among the allies.

The much-anticipated expansion of the Union Council of Ministers by Prime Minister Narendra Modi may weigh in the option to induct a few members from other parties after the Bihar Assembly elections to gain the semblance of an alliance government.

CABINET EXPANSION
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Paswan and Harsimrat Kaur Badal of the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) were the only Cabinet ministers from among the NDA allies before the latter resigned last month in protest against the new farm laws.

Earlier, Arvind Sawant of the Shiv Sena had quit the Cabinet as a consequence of the Maharashtra government formation, with the Udhav Thackeray-led party exiting the NDA.

The JD-U had not joined the Modi Cabinet, apparently in protest over only one berth being offered after the 2019 Lok Sabha elections.

While the BJP had bagged 303 Lok Sabha seats in 2019, obtaining complete majority on its own, Prime Minister had nevertheless taken the allies on board. Among 25 Cabinet Ministers and 33 Ministers of State sworn-in, three Cabinet and one MoS berths were accounted for by the BJP's allies. The Shiv Sena with 18 and JD-U with 16 Lok Sabha seats were the two biggest alliance partners.

While it was anticipated that the announcement of 'Team J P Nadda' in the BJP will coincide with the expansion of the council of ministers, the PM has kept observers speculating over his next move.

The model code of conduct in Bihar bars induction of any member from the state, said a senior BJP leader.

With the LJP contesting the Bihar polls on its own, fuelling a buzz of BJP's covert moves against incumbent chief minister Nitish Kumar, it's likely that the outcome of the poll could decide the next course of action at the Centre.

With a significant number of rebel BJP leaders flocking to the LJP, besides a few from the ranks of the JD-U, political observers believe the outcome of the Bihar polls could prove to be a big factor in the Cabinet expansion.

Mumbai Police summons Republic TV CFO for questioning

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

THE Mumbai Police on Friday issued summons to Republic TV's chief financial officer (CFO) Shiva Sundaram, founder, chairman and managing director of Madison World Sam Balsara and operational head of Lowe Lintas Shishir Sinha to record their statements in connection with the TRP manipulation racket.

Milind Bharambe, joint commissioner of police (Crime) said all the three people have been asked to reach the Crime Branch office in South Mumbai at 11 am on Saturday. "We have called them to record their statements under section 160 of the Criminal Procedure Code."

Besides them, the police summoned accountants of Marathi channels 'Fakt Marathi' and 'Box Cinema'.

The police has arrested the owners of the two channels, Shirish Pattanshetty of Fakt Marathi and Narayan Sharma of Box Cinema, while the directors and promoters of Republic TV are yet to be questioned. These accused were produced before the court on Friday which remanded them to police custody till October 13.

Maharashtra Congress spokesperson Sachin Sawant said due to the manipulation, the fourth pillar of India is facing challenges. "The credibility of TV channels is in questions because of the BJP. The BJP used these channels for their political gain and get the fake TRPs. We demand a high-level probe in the scam and no one should be spared," Sawant said.

Mumbai Police Commissioner Param Bir Singh claimed that three channels, including Republic TV, manipulated the TRP.

EXPRESS READ

SC seeks NCPCR reply over letter on child care homes

New Delhi: The Supreme Court on Friday issued notice to the NCPCR during a suo moto case on conditions of children protection homes across the country in wake of the pandemic. A bench headed by Justice L Nageswara Rao issued the notice after taking serious of the submissions of amicus curiae Gaurav Agrawal who said that as the pandemic still persists in these states and the NCPCR should not have issued it.

S Jaishankar with Afghan peace negotiator Abdullah Abdullah | TWITTER

India committed to peace in Afghanistan: Jaishankar after meeting with Abdullah

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

MINISTER of External Affairs S Jaishankar on Friday called on top Afghan negotiator Abdullah Abdullah and reassured him that India was committed to peace, stability and prosperity in Afghanistan.

"Pleased to meet Chairman HCNR @DrabdullahCE. A good discussion on our bilateral cooperation and regional issues. Welcomed his insights and perspectives on recent developments. As a neighbour, India remains committed to peace, prosperity and stability in Afghanistan," Jaishankar tweeted after the meeting.

The Afghan negotiator said bilateral relations and regional issues were discussed as also was the ongoing intra-Afghan negotiations. "As always pleased to meet HE @DrSJaishankar, the External Affairs Minister of India. We exchanged views on the #AfghanPeaceProcess, bilateral relations, & regional support for peace efforts. He assured me of India's full support for peace in Afghanistan," he tweeted. The meeting comes a day after the Afghan negotiator met with PM Narendra Modi, who assured him of India's support in the peace process. Abdullah is on a five-day trip to India to garner support from key partners on the peace negotiations with the Taliban that are currently underway in Doha.

He also met National Security Adviser Ajit Doval on Wednesday. The meeting was attended by Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla, Chief of Defence Staff General Bipin Rawat and Army chief General MM Naravane.

Jaishankar had virtually taken part in the opening ceremony of the peace talks where he said the process must Afghan-led and must ensure that Afghanistan's soil is not used for anti-India activities. Abdullah had visited Islamabad before coming to Delhi where he briefed Pakistan PM Imran Khan, Pakistan foreign minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi and Pakistan Army chief General Qamar Bajwa about the peace process.

India tests its first indigenous anti-radiation missile Rudram-1

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

INDIAN missile scientists achieved yet another milestone on Friday with the successful flight-test of a new generation Anti-Radiation Missile (RUDRAM) which hit a radiation target located at Wheeler Island off the coast of Odisha. The missile was launched from an SU-30MKI fighter.

The Defence Ministry said in a statement that Rudram is first such missile of the country for Indian Air Force, being developed by Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO). The missile was integrated on an SU-30MKI fighter aircraft as the launch platform. It can have capability of varying ranges based on launch conditions. "The missile can reach up to a range of 200 km, achieving a maximum speed of 2 mach (twice the speed of sound) and can be fired from an altitude envelope of 500 meters to 15km," a source said.

The Ministry said the projectile hit the radiation target with pin-point accuracy. It relied on Inertial Navigation System-GPS, which is more reliable and is used by spaceships, submarines, and aircraft. The missile has a passive homing head for the final attack. The passive homing head can detect, classify and engage targets over a wide band of frequencies as programmed.

The missile was integrated on an SU-30MKI jet as a launch platform | PIB

> It can reach up to 200 km, achieving a maximum speed of 2 mach and can be fired from an altitude envelope of 500m to 15km — Defence source

The missile is a potent weapon for IAF for Suppression of Enemy Air Defence effectively from large stand-off ranges, said the Ministry, adding with this, the country has established indigenous capability to develop long range air-launched anti-radiation missiles for neutralising enemy radars, communication sites and other RF emitting targets.

"Once the radars are destroyed, their air defence will collapse, which will prompt destruction of additional enemy targets," said an IAF officer.

Activists condemn Father Stan Swamy's arrest, charge sheet against 7 others

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ New Delhi/Ranchi

ACTIVISTS and intellectuals from across the country have condemned the NIA charge sheet against eight people, including 83-year-old Jharkhand-based tribal rights activist and Jesuit priest Father Stan Swamy, for their alleged involvement in the 2018 Bhima-Koregaon case, and termed the move as a "witch-hunt".

On Thursday, the NIA arrested Swamy from the Jesuit-run Bagaicha social centre, where he lives. Close to 2,000 activists, journalists, former bureaucrats and members of civil society appealed to Jharkhand CM Hemant Soren to intervene for his immediate release.

"I am outraged at how this charge sheet has been filed, and the manner in which the activists have been subjected to a witch-hunt by the NIA. The NIA is acting in an unconstitutional manner. There is no substance to the charges. They are a diverse set of people," said Kavita Krishnan, a CPI(M) politburo member.

> Stan Swamy is a frail 83-year-old man who is neither hiding nor running away. In fact he has cooperated with the investigation agencies
>
> Jean Dreze, social economist

Activist Harsh Mander said the arrest and charging of octogenenarian Swamy with Maoist conspiracy was "absurd". "Any kind of challenge to the government's agenda of hatred and division and giving support to big industries. People like Swamy were fighting both of these. They are being punished," said Mander.

Human rights body People's Union for Cities said the agency was crushing dissent and that Swamy has consistently questioned the abuse of power by state and the police through years of commitment in working for Adivasis.

V A Ramesh Nathan, general secretary of National Dalit Movement for Justice, said the government was systematically targeting minorities.

Social economist Jean Dreze, who has worked with Swamy for several years, called his arrest as a symbol of the "routinization of draconian laws". "Sending him to jail is pointless except as a demonstration of ruthlessness," he said.

Rlys to go back to pre-Covid chart preparation system

NEW DELHI: With an aim to provide relief to passengers, the Indian Railways from Saturday has decided to go back to the pre-covid system of preparing the second chart 30 minutes before the departure of the train.

Owing to the Covid-19 pandemic, the national transporter had modified the system and was preparing the second chart two hours before the departure of the train.

"As per the established pre-covid period instructions, the first reservation chart was prepared at least four hours before scheduled departure of trains. Thereafter, the available accommodation could be booked across PRS counters as well as through the internet on a first-come-first-serve basis till preparation of second reservation charts," the railways said in a statement.

The second reservation charts were prepared between 30 minutes to five minutes before scheduled time of departure of trains. Due to the pandemic, instructions were issued to shift the time of preparation of the second reservation chart to two hours before scheduled time of train departure. "As per request of Zonal Railways for ensuring convenience of rail passengers, the matter has been examined and it has been decided that the second reservation chart shall be prepared at least 30 minutes before scheduled/rescheduled time of departure of train," the statement from the ministry said.

The statement said ticket booking — both online and on passenger reservation counter — will be available for passenger before the preparation of the second chart. *ENS*

RECRUITMENTS

J&K Lt Governor Manoj Sinha on Friday announced that 25,000 jobs in the UT would be provided to unemployed youth soon. Central Armed Police Force, Paramilitary Forces and Police will hold recruitment rallies, he said.

25 INFORMERS KILLED BY MAOISTS IN CHHATTISGARH

Ahmedabad	39	23	Mumbai	33	23
Bhopal	33	20	Panaji	32	25
Jaipur	37	21	Patna	35	26
Amritsar	35	19	Lucknow	35	22
Chennai	36	28	Port Blair	28	24
Kolkata	34	27	Imphal	31	20
Srinagar	27	05	Chandigarh	35	19

SIT set to reconstruct crime scene in Hathras village

Other probe agencies are scanning the alleged role of four arrested PFI members in gathering funds for inciting caste, communal conflicts

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

IN multi-prong actions in the Hathras gang-rape case, a Special Investigation Team (SIT) is likely to reconstruct the scene of crime and may interrogate Bhim Army members while other probe agencies, including the ED, are scanning bank accounts and call detail records of the four PFI members arrested in Mathura.

The SIT has shortlisted about 40 people whose statements would be recorded in connection with the sequence of events related to the crime, said sources. They would be asked about the circumstances which led to the cremation, which the victim's family claimed, was held without its consent.

Sources privy to the probe revealed the victim's mother and brother would be taken to the crime scene for tracing their exact locations and then asked to recollect and recall the events which unfolded on the morning of September 14. The three-member SIT team has so far recorded the statements of each member of the victim's family along with the cops who were deployed in the village.

As per sources, the team has recorded statements of over 100 persons. On the basis of its recommendations, five policemen including the Hathras SP were suspended on October 2 for poor handling of the case.

CCTV cameras fixed at victim's home

Sixty security personnel have been deployed and eight CCTV cameras installed at the house of a Dalit woman, police said on Friday. DIG Shalabh Mathur, who has been sent to Hathras, told a news agency that if needed a control room will also be established there.

The Enforcement Directorate which is looking into alleged foreign funding to Popular Front of India (PFI) and its student wing Campus Front of India (CFI), may also question the Bhim Army office bearers and probe into its alleged link with PFI, said state government officials.

While tracing the real regulators and beneficiaries of the funds generated through a website, the ED is also trying to connect missing links by scanning the phone call details and the bank accounts of the PFI men arrested in Mathura.

Preliminary probe revealed that large funds were diverted into the accounts of people and groups who launched the now defunct website. Funds were said to have been sourced for inciting caste and communal conflicts in the garb of seeking justice for the Hathras victim.

Sex crimes: Maha to adopt Andhra law

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Mumbai

IN view of the growing cases of rape, the Maha Vikas Aghadi government has decided to bring a strict law on the lines of Andhra Pradesh for ensuring stringent punishment to the guilty.

Maharashtra home minister **Anil Deshmukh** said that his ministry will incorporate all stringent clauses of the Disha Act. "The primary draft of the Disha law is almost ready and it will be soon turned into law by approving it both the Houses of the state Assembly in the winter session. Before that, a Cabinet sub-committee meeting will be called where the final nod will be given," Deshmukh said.

"We had held a meeting with women MPs and legislators and also representatives of various organisations to discuss the government's move and also to seek their views for making the new act more comprehensive," he said, expressing hope that the law should be deterrent in such cases.

The Andhra Pradesh Disha Act has provisions for enabling death penalty for rape where there is adequate conclusive evidence and reducing the judgment period in such cases to 21 working days. Investigation and trial will have to be completed within 7 and 14 working days, respectively

The law was enacted after the gang-rape and killing of a doctor in Hyderabad. The case had sparked protests across the country with activists demanding speedy trial and harsher punishment for the culprits.

HALTED IN THEIR TRACKS

33 places where farmers have blocked rail tracks in Punjab

325 passenger trains cancelled since September **24**

28 freight and **14** passenger trains were running from Punjab before rail rook agitation started on September **24**

₹210 cr loss to railways due to blockade of freight trains

HUGE MONEY LOSS

The ongoing farmers' agitation has badly hit the revenues of Railways and earnings from toll tax also is nil for both NHAI and the Punjab government

TOLL OF BLOCKADE

18 toll plazas of NHAI and **23** owned by Punjab governmentt which the farmers have laid siege to in the state

₹9.25cr total loss suffered by NHAI and Punjab govt

₹7.50cr loss suffered by NHAI, ₹**1.75 cr** by state

₹3.50 cr loss suffered by NHAI in Haryana due to dharnas at various toll plazas

Farm stir bleeds Punjab, govt in a bind

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

WHILE the Congress government is Punjab is fully backing the farmers' protest against the three farm laws enacted by the Centre, it's now in a fix as the agitation has hit the supplies of essentials to and from the state and is hurting the economy.

Non-lifting of 10 lakh metric tons (MTs) of foodgrains, severe shortage of fertilizers and non-supply of gunny bags, which might affect the transportation of paddy, are some of the problems the state government is already grappling with. There is also a possibility of shortage of coal in the coming days, which will affect power generation.

"In the last nine days, around 10 lakh MT foodgrains (wheat and rice) could not be dispatched under the central pool as the farmers have stopped the trains. This, in turn, will lead to storage problems in the coming days as the stocks will pile up," Punjab Food and Civil Supplies Minister Bharat Bhushan Ashu told this newspaper.

In September, approximately 15 lakh MT foodgrains were transported by rail rakes to other states.

Expressing concern over the depleting fertilizer stock, Ashu said, "As of now only 10-15 per cent of the fertilizer stock is left. The availability of urea is 1.7 lakh MTs against the required 13.5 lakh MT."

There is also shortage of jute bags, which is hampering paddy procurement and transportation, he said. While 560 containers of jute bags arriving from West Bengal are stuck in Delhi due to the rail blockade, another 160 containers started today from Kolkata.

The minister urged the farmers to at least allow goods trains to start so that movement of foodgrains and other essentials items can resume.

An official of Punjab State Power Corporation Limited said, "As of now, the thermal plants in the state have a stock ranging from 1 to 6 days. At present the corporation is not running its thermal plants as it is getting electricity at cheap rates from other states and also from private thermal plants within the state."

The blockade at toll plazas is saving the money of commuters but has dented the earnings of the National Highways Authority of India and the Punjab government as no one is paying tax on the 41 total plazas, causing a daily loss of around ₹1.15 crore to the state.

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Chirag Paswan faces tightrope walk, Bihar elections first test

RAJESH KUMAR THAKUR @ Patna

POST his father's death, Chirag Paswan will have to tread very cautiously as his party is set to contest 143 seats out of the total 243 in Bihar Assembly polls set to kick off from October 28.

The new LJP supremo's pulses are well-known: he is well educated and a good orator. The challenges are manifold — first is his party, which he has to deftly manage given the fact that it is fighting solo in the polls. He has to also keep unity in the family as his father Ram Vilas Paswan was a family guardian.

"Chirag Paswan should avoid taking decisions out of emotions. He will have to project himself as another Paswan," said Anirudh Kumar, a senior Dalit activist.

Pappu Kumar of Vaishali, a teacher and an ardent supporter of Paswan, said the biggest challenge before Chirag will be how to keep the legacy of Dalit politics of his father.

"Chirag should now directly communicate with his party leaders instead of going through party office-bearers and keep the cadre motivated," said Ram Pravesh Kumar, a party worker.

Another party supporter said that Chirag, like his father, should freely mix up with his party workers. "His father knew most of his party workers by their names," he said, referring to the connect with grassroot workers.

Chirag's toughest political challenge would lie in the way he would take on Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar and field candidates against JD-U. "It would be wrong if he distances from BJP," said an LJP supporter.

The LJP has fielded 42 candidates for the first phase of polls, taking many turncoats of BJP and other parties.

Making his stance clear — the LJP remains a BJP ally at the Centre, though it is opposed to the JD-U, another BJP ally forming the NDA — is like walking the razor's edge. "If Chirag fails to clear the confusion among the people, his party would suffer a lot," Vidha Bhusan Paswan, a retired university professor, said.

LJP supporters pay tribute to late Union Minister and Lok Janshakti Party leader Ram Vilas Paswan at his constituency in Hajipur on Friday | PTI

Temple priest burnt alive in Rajasthan

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

A priest in Rajasthan's Karauli district died after being set afire by a group of six men over a land dispute, giving the BJP, which is under fire over the Hathras gang-rape and murder in Uttar Pradesh, a handle to attack the Congress.

Before he died, priest Babu Lal Vaishnav told the police the culprits doused him in petrol and set him ablaze. The incident took place at Bunka village in Sapotra on Wednesday. The priest was rushed to Jaipur's SMS Hospital where he died on Thursday night. A case of murder has been registered and the main accused, Kailash Meena, has been arrested.

The police said the priest had about 15 bighas belonging to the Radha Krishna Temple Trust in the village that was given to him for livelihood. When Vaishnav wanted to build a house on a plot close to his land, the accused claimed they owned the land and the village elders ruled in the priest's favour.

He then placed the bales of his newly harvested bajra crop on the land as a sign of ownership. But the accused went ahead and started building a hut on the plot.

An altercation ensued and the accused set him ablaze, the priest said in his statement to the police before his death. He named six people — Kailash, Shankar and Namo Meena and three others.

As the ghastly killing sparked outrage, the BJP targeted the Congress and the Ashok Gehlot government. "The crime graph in Rajasthan continues to grow and the Congress government should wake up from its slumber and ensure that the culprits are punished," former CM Vasundhra Raje tweeted.

Calling the incident unfortunate, Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot tweeted, "We do not have a place for such acts here... The accused won't be spared."

'Statute all-embracing due to Hindu ethos'

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

RSS supremo Mohan Bhagwat said on Friday that Indian Muslims are the most content in the world.

"Our Constitution did not say only Hindus can stay here or others will have to accept superiority of Hindus. We created a space for them in line with the nature of our nation, which is called Hindu," he said in an interview to a Hindi magazine. Bhagwat observed that bigotry and separatism are spread only by those whose self-interest gets affected.

Speaking on religions, Bhagwat said people of all faiths have come together to protect the essence of India on a number of occasions.

Stressing on the co-existence of diverse religions in India, Bhagwat wondered whether a foreign religion still existed in a country where its followers ruled in the past.

APPRECIATION

Doc's Covid service gets recognition from IPL franchisee

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

THE Virat Kohli-led Royal Challengers Bangalore have been clean bowled by a young doctor from Madhya Pradesh, who lived in his car for a week to prevent possible spread of COVID-19.

Team India and RCB leggie Yuzvendra Chahal will wear the RCB jersey bearing the name Dr Sachin Nayak — the MP government anaesthesiologist now posted at the district hospital in his home district Shajapur.

As part of the RCB's dedicated mission to salute Corona Warriors across the country, Chahal will wear on the ground the RCB jersey bearing Dr Nayak's name.

On Wednesday, captain Kohli, leg spinner Chahal and explosive batsman AB de Viliers interacted with Dr Nayak through a webinar and lauded his feat.

In the two-minute video posted on RCB's official Twitter handle and Facebook page, Chahal thanked Dr Nayak and said "I feel proud of wearing a jersey bearing your name".

Dr Nayak used to stay in his car to avoid spreading Covid in his family | EXPRESS

Recounting his memories of April, the anaesthesiologist said. "My family wanted me to leave the job and return home instead of being on COVID-19 duties. But with the system already being short of doctors, I decided to do my duty."

Dr Nayak was a senior resident doctor and deployed in COVID-19 isolation ward and sampling duties at MP government's JP Hospital in April.

"While performing Covid-19 duties at the hospital was my priority, I had to also prevent the possibility of me being a carrier of the killer virus and infecting others, including my family," he told the cricketers.

EXPRESS READ

HC grants bail, but no freedom for Lalu

Ranchi: Ahead of the Assembly polls in Bihar, RJD chief Lalu Prasad was granted bail by the Jharkhand High Court in a case related to fraudulent withdrawal of ₹35.62 crore from Chaibasa treasury in early 1990s. The RJD leader, however, will have to remain in jail as his bail application related to the Dumka treasury is still pending in the high court. On Friday, Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh granted bail to Lalu on the ground of undergoing half of the five-year term. The jailed RJD chief is currently admitted to RIMS in Ranchi.

New app to help power consumers

The consumers of the Chhattisgarh State Power Distribution Company Ltd can use the 'Mor Bijli App' to access doorstep services provided by the company. Chhattisgarh is the first state to launch such a multi-utility app where over 90 per cent of the services offered by the CSPDCL can be availed. "They are adopting the latest technology for production, transmission and distribution of power. There is no need to visit the CSPDCL office. This app will save time, efforts and money," said CM Bhupesh Baghel. The power discom is working on its principle of '*sabko bijli, sasta daam - sabko rahat, sabko kaam*'.

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RAIPUR DIARY

Three-cornered battle in Marwahi bypoll

The upcoming bypoll for Marwahi assembly seat is set to witness a triangular contest. The seat, reserved for scheduled tribes, is likely to see a close electoral battle between the ruling Congress and the opposition parties—BJP and Janta Congress Chhattisgarh-Jogi (JCC-J). The bypoll was necessitated following the demise of sitting MLA and former chief minister Ajit Jogi who had represented the seat four times. JCC-J is banking on his legacy to win the seat while the Congress has also cited Marwahi as their traditional stronghold. BJP is hoping to earn votes on PM Modi's development plank. The polling is on November 3. Jogi's son Amit now faces an uphill legal battle in Marwahi, as the Congress is said not be in favour of him and his wife Richa Jogi from contesting the bypoll.

NMDC's steady growth in Covid times

The Bailadila projects in south Chhattisgarh owned by the National Mineral Development Corporation continues with its steady grown — both in production and sales. In September, Bailadila produced 1.32 MT iron ore showing a 26 per cent growth against the 1.05 MT produced in the same month last year. The NMDC's overall iron ore production in September is 1.83 MT, which is 10.50 percent higher than the corresponding period last year. "Though 2020 has been a challenging year, NMDC is consistent in its best efforts to meet the demand of the domestic steel industry," said Sumit Deb, CMD, NMDC.

Urban forest in six cities of Chhattisgarh

Six districts of Chhattisgarh are earmarked for the Nagar Van Scheme under which forests would come up either on existing forest land or unoccupied areas. The state has proposed six cities initially for the plan with a budget of ₹30 crore. The scheme seeks to convert the degraded land area into urban forest cover and funded under the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act. "Chhattisgarh has sent a proposal to the Centre on the Nagar Van scheme. The scheme carries potential to augment city life by improving the green corridors and enabling health benefits for urban residents," an official said.

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Covid-19 cases in Nepal with 2,059 new infections on Friday

GLOBAL WEATHER
LR: Light Rain • HR: Heavy Rain • TDS: Thundershower • LC: Light Cloud • SNY: Sunny

Beijing	31	19	SNY	Los Angeles	28	19	LC
Colombo	30	25	TDS	Melbourne	20	9	LR
Dhaka	33	26	TDS	Moscow	17	10	HR
Dubai	38	27	SNY	New York	28	19	SNY
Houston	31	23	TDS	Singapore	31	24	TDS
Istanbul	29	21	LC	Toronto	18	13	LC
London	22	17	LC	Washington	31	21	LC

13 charged in plot to abduct US governor and start civil war

Upset over sweeping Covid-19 restrictions imposed by the Democratic leader of Michigan, members of two far-right groups planned to kidnap her from vacation home

WASHINGTON

THIRTEEN men, including members of two right-wing militias, have been arrested for plotting to kidnap the Democratic governor of the US state of Michigan and "instigate a civil war", US officials said on Thursday night.

Six men were charged in federal court with conspiring to kidnap the governor before the November 3 elections in reaction to what they viewed as her "uncontrolled power," according to a federal complaint. Separately, seven others linked to a paramilitary group called the Wolverine Watchmen were charged in state court for allegedly seeking to storm the Michigan Capitol and seek a "civil war." The two groups trained together and planned "various acts of violence," according to the state police.

Surveillance for the kidnapping plot took place in August and September, according to an FBI affidavit, and four of the men had planned to meet Wednesday to "make a payment on explosives and exchange tactical gear."

The FBI quoted one of the men as saying Whitmer "has no checks and balances at all. She has uncontrolled power right now. All good things must come to an end."

Michigan Governor Gretchen Whitmer | AP

Authorities said the plots were stopped with the work of undercover agents and informants. The men were arrested on Wednesday night. The six charged in federal court face up to life in prison if convicted. The state terrorism charges the other seven men face carry a possible 20-year sentence.

Andrew Birge, the US attorney in western Michigan, called the men "violent extremists." They discussed detonating explosive devices — including under a highway bridge — to divert police from the area near Whitmer's vacation home and Fox bought a Taser for use in the kidnapping, Birge said.

"All of us in Michigan can disagree about politics, but those disagreements should never, ever amount to violence. Violence has been prevented today," Detroit US Attorney Matthew Schneider told reporters.

A few hours later, Whitmer pinned some blame on President Donald Trump, noting that he did not condemn white supremacists in last week's debate with Joe Biden and instead told a far-right group to "stand back and stand by."

"Hate groups heard the president's words not as a rebuke but as a rallying cry, as a call to action," Whitmer said.

Trump tweeted that the governor "has done a terrible job" and again called on her to "open up your state."

Whitmer, who was considered as Joe Biden's running mate and is nearly halfway through a four-year term, has been widely praised for her response to the coronavirus but also sharply criticized by Republican lawmakers and people in conservative areas of the state. *AP*

Dems to probe Covid-hit Trump's fitness to govern

WASHINGTON

US House Speaker Nancy Pelosi unveiled plans on Thursday to probe Donald Trump's capacity to govern after he contracted Covid-19, as the US president unspooled a rant against critics and threw the debate schedule with Joe Biden into turmoil.

With just 26 days until the November 3 election, Washington's top Democrat took the extraordinary step of proposing a commission to probe Trump's fitness for the job—and whether he needs removal under the Constitution's 25th Amendment.

But with tensions building over Trump's diagnosis and questions about his judgment, his doctor gave him the green light to resume public activities this weekend, opening the door for Trump's return to the campaign trail.

Donald Trump

Having been held back from campaigning, Trump raged on Fox Business television, insulting Biden's running mate Kamala Harris as a "monster," branding illegal immigrants "rapists," and urging indictments of Biden and former president Barack Obama.

And in remarks that caught the Democratic leader's attention, the 74-year-old Trump quipped that he beat Covid because "I am a perfect physical specimen and I'm extremely young."

Pelosi warned that Trump is suffering from a "disassociation from reality (that) would be funny if it weren't so deadly."

Senior House Democrat James Clyburn cautioned on CNN that Trump was exhibiting "very erratic behavior" that has drawn public concern.

Trump fired back tweeting, "Crazy Nancy is the one who should be under observation," he wrote. "They don't call her Crazy for nothing!" *AFP*

Don not out of the woods, key phase ahead: Experts

WASHINGTON

US President Donald Trump said on Friday his doctor has given him the green light to resume public activities this weekend, just days after he tested Covid positive.

White House doctor Sean Conley said he hopes the president's "safe return to public engagement" over the weekend.

However, some infectious disease experts say Trump is not yet out of the woods and is on the threshold of a crucial phase in his Covid-19 fight. Between seven and 10 days after the onset of symptoms, a patient's immune system could go into overdrive.

"It's kind of like the gas pedal gets pushed too hard and gets stuck," Taison Bell, a pulmonary and critical care physician at the University of Virginia told *Scientific American*.

Given the timing of the onset of his symptoms, this could be the period Trump is entering. It's a phase during which the disease can abruptly become life-threatening. Daniel Sterman, the director of pulmonary medicine, critical care, and sleep medicine at NYU Langone Health said, "People can be percolating along and doing fairly well, and then all of a sudden without warning, inexplicably just crash."

Not all Covid patients experience immune overreaction, and it's hard to predict if Trump will. Doctors say the weekend will be crucial.

UK govt to pay two-thirds of worker wages as firms close

LONDON

THE British government on Friday said it would pay up to two-thirds of staff monthly wages to firms forced to close over the winter months, as infection rates skyrocket.

Finance minister Rishi Sunak extended a scheme launched two weeks ago for workers taking reduced hours to help businesses required to shut as part of efforts to cut transmission rates.

More than 42,000 people have died in the outbreak in Britain —the worst toll in Europe— and concern is mounting about a potentially deadlier second wave, and its social and economic impact.

The UK economy grew by a weaker-than-expected 2.1 percent in August and remained far down on pre-pandemic levels, official data showed Friday. It shrank by a fifth in the second quarter, entering recession on the back of a full lockdown that was only eased in June.

Under the extended scheme, businesses will receive grants to pay the wages of staff who cannot work, with the government paying two-thirds of each employee's monthly salary up to a maximum of £2,100 ($2,715) per month each.

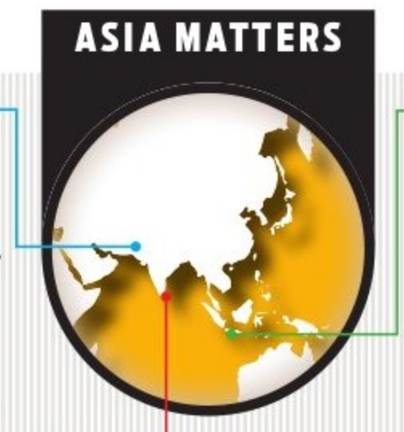
Their employers will pay national insurance and pension contributions but will not be asked to contribute towards wages, unlike other firms using the scheme.

"My priority has always been to protect jobs, so today I'm announcing an expansion of our jobs support scheme, specifically to protect those jobs of people who work in businesses who may be asked to close," Sunak said. *AFP*

BACK HOME, AT LAST

French President Emmanuel Macron talks to aid worker Sophie Petronin (C) after she reached France on Friday, hours after she was released by jihadist hostage-takers, ending a four-year captivity in Mali | AFP

ASIA MATTERS



PAKISTAN

Girl killed by brother after she elopes

In a suspected case of honour killing, a 17-year-old girl was shot dead allegedly by his brother after she eloped with a boy in a village in Pakistan's Punjab province. The girl was in love with a boy from her village in Sattukatla, a low-income thickly populated area, and recently she eloped with him. A council of the elderly people of the area ordered the family of the boy to ensure safe return of the girl to her family, police said. The boy's family told the council that he wanted to marry the girl, but the council insisted that first the girl should be handed over to the family. On Thursday, when the boy's family dropped the girl at her house, her brother, Mohsin, allegedly fired gun shots at her after heated arguments. She died on the spot and the brother fled after committing the crime.

SRI LANKA

Bars, casinos, spas closed

Sri Lankan health authorities were working Friday to contain a growing cluster of new coronavirus infections, ordering the closure of bars, restaurants, casinos, nightclubs and spas. The Indian Ocean island nation over the weekend reported its first locally transmitted infection in more than two months, a cluster centred around a garment factory in densely populated Western province. By Friday the number of infections linked to the cluster climbed to 1,053, with more than 2,000 more people asked to quarantine at home. Sri Lanka has reported 4,459 so far

INDONESIA

US lifts visa ban on defence minister

The United States has lifted a long-time ban on Indonesian Defence Minister Prabowo Subianto over alleged human rights violations and invited him to Washington next week, his aides said Friday. A former son-in-law of Indonesia's long-time dictator Suharto, Subianto was denied a US visa in 2000, reportedly because of his rights record. Subianto, a former commander of the notorious Kopassus special forces, allegedly ordered the abduction of democracy activists in the final days of Suharto's rule in 1998 and has been accused of committing atrocities in East Timor during its brutal 24-year Indonesian occupation. US Defense Secretary Mark Esper made the invitation and the trip would take place October 15-19, the defence minister's spokesman Dahnil Anzar said. The US embassy in Jakarta refused to comment, citing confidentiality over visa rules

UN'S FOOD PROGRAMME WINS NOBEL PEACE

OSLO

THE United Nation's World Food programme won the Nobel Peace Prize on Friday for its efforts to combat hunger in regions facing conflict and hardship at a time when the coronavirus pandemic has driven millions more people to the brink of starvation.

The Rome-based United Nations agency has long specialized in getting assistance to some of the world's most dangerous and precarious places, from air-dropping food in South Sudan and Syria to creating an emergency delivery service that kept aid flowing even as pandemic restrictions grounded commercial flights.

In announcing the prize, the Norwegian Nobel Committee said it wished "to turn the eyes of the world towards the millions of people who suffer from or face the threat of hunger."

The committee also said it hopes the prize will highlight the need to strengthen global solidarity and cooperation in an era of go-it-alone nationalism."We are sending a signal to every nation who raises objections to international cooperation," committee chair Berit Reiss-Andersen said shortly after the award was announced. "We are sending a signal to this type of nationalism where the responsibility for global affairs is not being faced."

"Multilateral cooperation is absolutely necessary to combat global challenges. And multilateralism seems to have a lack of respect these days," Reiss-Andersen said.

The award comes as President Donald Trump has pulled the United States out of several UN bodies, including the Human Rights Council and UNESCO, the cultural agency. He has also repeatedly criticized the UN's World Health Organization over its handling of the coronavirus pandemic, and his administration has said the US will leave it next July. *AP*

Warriors in fight to end starvation

The UN's World Food Programme delivers food assistance in emergencies, from wars to civil conflicts, natural disasters and famines

LARGEST MISSION

Aiming to feed 13 million people each month—among them 1.1 million women and young children—the WFP's operation in Yemen is its largest emergency response in the world

The country, with a population of around 29 million, is living through what the United Nations has described as the "largest humanitarian crisis in the world"

ACTIVITIES IN YEMEN

Every month in Yemen, the WFP distributes food directly or through vouchers

Each family of six receives a monthly ration of wheat flour, pulses, sugar and salt

The organisation also offers cash assistance in areas where markets "are stable enough to provide for communities' basic food needs"

FED 97 MILLION PEOPLE IN 2019

- Founded in 1961 and funded entirely by donations, the UN body helped 97 million people last year, distributing 15 billion rations to people in 88 countries
- WFP focuses on emergency assistance as well as rehabilitation and development aid. Two-thirds of its work is in conflict-affected countries, where people are three times more likely to be undernourished than elsewhere
- It delivered **2 million tons of food during Ethiopia's 1984 famine**. It was present in Sudan, Rwanda, and in Kosovo, then later in Asia after the 2004 tsunami, and Haiti's 2010 earthquake
- **It helps 4.5 million people in war-torn Syria** and 3,00,000 acutely malnourished children in Nigeria
- **821** million people in the world are chronically hungry, while another 135 million are facing severe hunger or starvation
- **70%** rise in number of severely food insecure people in the world over the past four years

Hopes of ceasefire in Karabakh as rivals hold first major talks in Russia

MOSCOW

ARMENIA and Azerbaijan held their first high-level talks on Friday after nearly two weeks of fierce clashes over the disputed Nagorno-Karabakh region, with hopes rising that a ceasefire could be brokered in Moscow.

Azerbaijani President Ilham Aliyev, who has repeatedly vowed to use his military to retake the breakaway province, said the talks represented a historic opportunity for Armenia. "We are giving Armenia a chance to settle the conflict peacefully," he said. "This is their last chance."

Armenia's Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan said his country was "ready for the resumption of the peace process" led by international brokers.

France, which along with Russia and the United States is part of a group mediating the two countries' long conflict, said there was a chance of a breakthrough at the talks but it was far from certain.

Smoke rises after shelling in Karabakh's Stepanakert on Friday | AFP

"We are moving towards a truce tonight or tomorrow but it's still fragile," President Emmanuel Macron's office said.

Armenian and Azerbaijani defence officials said heavy clashes continued overnight and reported further civilian deaths, after Russian President Vladimir Putin announced the meeting in Moscow late Thursday and appealed for a ceasefire on humanitarian grounds.

Dozens of civilians have been confirmed killed and the Armenian side has acknowledged 350 military deaths, while Azerbaijan has not admitted to any fatalities on its side. *AFP*

Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD			SILVER			FOREX		
326.82	Sensex	40,509.4	₹29	24 carat (1 gm)	₹5,272	₹400	Per kg	₹61,400	Dollar		73.14
79.6	Nifty	11,914.2	₹29	22 carat (1 gm)	₹4,981	₹0.40	Per gm	₹61.4	Euro		86.31

RBI unleashes liquidity boosters

Measures include making borrowing cheaper for states as well as sector-specific support

SESA SEN @ New Delhi

WHILE keeping interest rates unchanged, Reserve Bank of India Governor Shaktikanta Das on Friday announced a slew of new, unconventional measures to boost economic activity. In order to make borrowing cheaper for states, the RBI will buy bonds issued by state governments via secondary market open market operations (OMOs). While such measures are routine for central government securities, this is the first time such an action is being taken for state government bonds.

Experts say, the move should help ease liquidity concerns at a time when large revenue slippages and uncertainty over GST compensation payments have left state governments desperate for cash.

"In order to impart liquidity to SDLs (state development loans) and thereby facilitate efficient pricing, it has been decided to conduct OMOs in SDLs as a special case during the current financial year," said Das. RBI has also doubled the quantum of liquidity infusion into the market through the purchase of government securities to ₹20,000 crore. This, along with the extension of the enhanced held-to-maturity limit for banks to 22% of net demand and time liabilities from 19.5% till March 2022 is expected to support government borrowing programmes.

"This is indeed is a pre-Diwali Dhamaka for bond markets," said Lakshmi Iyer, Chief Investment Officer (Debt) & Head-Products, Kotak Mahindra AMC. The benchmark 10-year G-Sec yield rallied around 10 bps after the announcement to around 5.93 per cent.

According to the newly-appointed chairman of SBI, Dinesh Kumar Khara, the policy overall is fixated to revive growth and has attempted to prepare a conducive ground for the same.

To enhance credit flow, the policy has also targeted specific sectors with high forward and backward linkages, and multiplier effects on growth such as the real estate and retail sector. Das has nudged banks to open their purse strings to ensure there is easy money supply for crucial sectors through a series of measures. These include introduction of on-tap targeted long-term repo operations (TLTRO) for banks to borrow up to ₹1 lakh crore and invest in corporate bonds and other debt instruments.

Banks can use these funds to extend loans to specific sectors, a factor absent in earlier TLTROs. "This will ensure comfortable liquidity in the banking system. However, it is to be noted that the earlier TLTRO 2.0 did not enjoy success as only ₹12,500 crore out of the announced ₹50,000 crore was availed," cautioned Madan Sabnavis, chief economist at Care Ratings.

Steps to ease credit flow

- RBI has increased the regulatory retail threshold from ₹5 crore to ₹7.5 crore for SME and retail segment exposure in order to facilitate higher credit flow.
- Extended the scope of the co-origination scheme to all NBFCs (including HFCs) to help enhance credit flow to the unserved and underserved segments where NBFCs have better reach.
- Discontinued automatic caution listing for exporters
- Made RTGS available 24x7 from Dec 2020
- CoAs issued to payment operators to have perpetual validity

...the additional measures announced by the RBI to support growth in the form of liquidity support, reviving exports, credit support, and improving ease of doing business, are expected to give the much-needed impetus to drive the three-speed recovery which RBI expects

Chandrajit Banerjee, Director General, CII

RBI's decision to extend the scheme for co-lending to all NBFCs, HFC in respect of all eligible priority sector loans will allow greater operational flexibility to the lending institutions and is much welcomed.Particularly, this step would benefit borrowers of higher value loans"

Niranjan Hiranandani, President, NAREDCO & ASSOCHAM

The policy had a lot of positives for the bond markets - doubling of the OMO amount, introduction of OMOs in SDLs, on tap TLTRO of up to ₹1 lakh crore and extension of enhanced HTM limits up to March 2022 for securities acquired between September 1, 2020 and March 31, 2021 are all encouraging...

Shanti Ekambaram, Group President - Consumer Banking, Kotak Mahindra Bank

The decision to increase the exposure limits on individual retail loans from ₹5 crore to ₹7.5 crore would benefit both individuals and the small businesses that are currently gasping for liquidity support... Discontinuation of automatic caution listing system will benefit the exporters as it was a long pending request of FICCI

Sangita Reddy, President, FICCI

Govt will give tax sops only to critically-affected sectors

JAYANTA ROY CHOWDHURY @ New Delhi

THE Finance Ministry is unlikely to concede too many tax sops in the budget making exercise slated to begin from the middle of this month as the government battles a huge shortfall in revenues.

Among the few beneficiaries of tax sops would be the critically affected sectors and sectors such as green energy and start-ups which the government wants to encourage.

"The government will be very cautious about giving tax sops in the forthcoming budget as we would like to keep fiscal deficit under a tight leash. This current year has been an exceptional one and we had to increase the borrowing to record levels to combat the pandemic ... but that cannot continue for ever," said top revenue department officials.

Officials added that they were aware various industry forums were seeking tax sops, but the government itself was finding it hard to collect revenue in a year when the economy was contracting, it would concentrate on helping "critically affected sector" such as textiles, and areas which the state wanted to promote such as green energy. "We have to protect our revenue collections," they pointed out.

The government had in May raised its borrowing target from a budget ₹7.8 lakh crore to ₹12 lakh crore to meet increased expenses from stimulus and healthcare programs and to take into account the reality of lower tax collections.

Many analysts believe that the government which is planning another round of stimulus for the economy, may actually end the year with a bigger borrowing figure to fund an ever widening deficit.

Net direct tax collections during April- August this year was ₹1.92 lakh crore or 31 per cent less than the same period last year, while net indirect tax collections during the five month period was down by 11 per cent at ₹3.42 lakh crore. However, GST collections which were steadily declining has gone up in September to touch ₹95,480 crore.

Risk weights on housing loans eased to allow banks to lend high value loans

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

THE Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Friday rationalised the risk-weight norms and linked them to loan-to-value (LTV) ratios only for all new housing loans sanctioned up to March 31, 2022. The move, experts say, may provide some impetus to the real estate sector as it will allow banks to lend more for high-value properties, without worrying much about a higher capital charge.

"Recognising the criticality of real estate sector in the economic recovery, given its role in employment generation and the interlinkages with other industries, it has been decided, as a countercyclical measure, to rationalise the risk weights by linking them only with LTV ratios for all new housing loans sanctioned up to March 31, 2022," the RBI said. Before the change is implemented, the risk weights are linked to size of the loan as well as the LTV ratio. "This announcement will definitely encourage banks to lend more to individual homebuyers without feeling the stress on their balance sheets," said Anuj Puri, Chairman - ANAROCK Property Consultants. He added that reduced repo rates, however, would have given an added boost just before the upcoming festive season.

The central bank also broadened the 'co-origination model' allowing non-bank lenders including housing finance companies to collaborate with banks to undertake priority sector lending. According to Anshuman Magazine, Chairman & CEO - CBRE India, the review of the co-origination model between banks and NBFCs and extended the scheme to all NBFCs (and banks) will improve the flow of credit in the economy.

Satish Magar, President, CREDAI National, said the move to extend the co-lending scheme to NBFCs & HFCs may infuse additional liquidity; however, the strict due diligence norms and eligibility criteria may not benefit the realty sector. Magar added now that RBI has recognised the realty sector as the largest employer, it should also announce steps that are imperative and crucial for the sector's mere survival.

SEBI REGULATION

Listed cos asked to make forensic audit info public

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

IN a bid to improve transparency in sharing information, markets regulator SEBI has mandated all listed companies to make disclosures about their forensic audit reports to stock exchanges.

"The listed entities will make disclosures about the fact of initiation of forensic audit along with the name of the entity initiating such audit and reasons for the same, if available, to stock exchanges," the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) said in a notification on Thursday.

The move is expected to give a real picture of the finances of the company. Further, according to the mandate, companies will be required to disclose their final forensic audit report, other than the forensic audit initiated by regulatory or enforcement agencies, on receipt by the listed entity, along with comments of the management, if any. Besides, listed entities will now have to maintain 100 per cent asset cover, or asset cover as per the terms of offer document, sufficient to discharge the principal amount at all times for the non-convertible debt securities issued.

The regulator has removed the framework that said maintenance of 100 per cent asset cover will not be applicable in case of "unsecured debt securities issued by regulated financial sector entities eligible for meeting capital requirements as specified by respective regulators".

Furthermore, the listed entities will have to promptly forward to debenture trustees a half-yearly certificate regarding maintenance of 100 per cent asset cover, or asset cover as per the terms of offer document, in respect of listed non-convertible debt securities, by the statutory auditor along with the half-yearly financial results. The submission of half-yearly certificates will be exempted only where bonds are secured by a government guarantee, Sebi said. The regulator has amended the Listing Obligations and Disclosure Requirements (LODR) regulation to make the above changes.

US imposes tariffs on aluminium sheet imports

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

THE US Commerce Department has slapped provisional anti-dumping duties on import of common alloy aluminum sheet (CAAS) from some 18 countries including India, Egypt, Brazil, Germany, Italy and South Korea. The affirmative preliminary determinations in probes into anti-dumping allows US to collect extra duties from aluminium sheet imports from these countries, which could be refunded next year if a commisson determines that the countries were not unfairly dumping aluminium products. "The Department's aluminum sheet investigations constitute the broadest U.S. trade enforcement action in two decades," said Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross in a statement.

Duties imposed will be highest against Germany ranging from 52-132 per cent. Anti-dumping Duties on CAAS imports from India will range from 0-47.92 per cent, the US Commerce Department said.

According to Prof Biswajit Dhar of JNU, a member of the Board of Trade, "while the impact of these measures is very limited as we don't sell much aluminium sheets to the US, it is a symptom of what has been happening. Most countries impacted by the pandemic are becoming protectionist and are trying to shut out imports on one pretext or the other."

MPC MEET

Pvt investment may take longer to stabilise: RBI

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RESERVE Bank of India Governor Shaktikanta Das on Friday said manufacturing and some services categories recovered in Q2, and capacity utilisation is expected to gain traction from Q4. Private consumption constituting 55 per cent of GDP is recovering, but is far from gaining broad-based traction. Likewise, pivate investments, already in contraction mode since Q2 FY20 may take longer to stabilize, hamstrung by low capacity utilisation, still subdued bank credit and the global recession.

Meanwhile, the freshly-constituted Monetary Policy Committee kept benchmark rates unchanged as price rise is largely due to supply shocks. Repo rate now stands at 4% and reverse repo at 3.35%. For the first time, MPC gave a forward guidance vowing to maintain an accommodative policy throughout this fiscal and may be next. This clarity of thought cheered markets.

So, even though households expect prices to decline modestly between October and December, RBI's assessement indicates inflation easing closer to the 4% target only by Q4.

In FY22, assuming a normalisation of supply chains with the availability of effective Covid-19 vaccine, inflation will be range-bound at 4.1-4.4%

Telcos expected to see revenue, profits rise in second quarter

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

HAVING seen off the AGR millstone around its neck, the second quarter of the current financial year (Q2 FY21) is set to indicate the trajectory that telecom sector is likely to take over the next few quarters.

Excluding Reliance Jio, which only entered the market four years ago and hence had very little pending AGR liability, telecom companies have had to set aside significant provisions towards their massive AGR dues over the past few quarters. However, with the Supreme Court now granting a 10-year timeframe to pay back the dues, Q2 is set to be the first quarter in nearly a year without those liabilities casting a long shadow over balance sheets. According to analysts, all telecom service providers—Jio, Airtel, and Vi—are likely to see both revenues and profitability rise.

"We expect both subscriber and ARPUs to remain firm in an otherwise seasonally weak quarter given a) return of migrants to cities, b) continued higher data usage and thereby pack upgrades and c) improved availability of recharges both digitally/physically as cities/towns have largely restarted post lockdowns," noted ICICI Securities.

Analysts at Emkay Securities note, that "the rise in wireless revenue (is expected) to be more pronounced for Bharti (2.7 per cent qoq) than Vi (1.4 per cent qoq) as we estimate Vi to continue to report subscriber loss, albeit at a slower pace". Vi is expected to lose 3 million users while Airtel is expected to gain as many. Jio may to continue outpacing its rivals, with expected subscriber additions at 11 million, though ARPU increase is expected to remain muted at 2%. "After seeing improvement in the last two quarters, ARPU is likely to rise by only 1% for Airtel. Vi shall record a 4 per cent rise in ARPU, led by a low base and a 4 million increase in data subscribers after a 6 per cent dip in ARPU in the previous quarter," they said. Average Revenue Per User (ARPU) is a measure of profitability and this metric has been increasing steadily since prices were hiked last year.

NUMERO UNO

TCS pips Accenture to become most-valued IT company globally

BISMAH MALIK @ Bengaluru

INDIA's largest IT services exporter Tata Consultancy Services has edged out Accenture to become the world's most-valued IT company with $144.7 billion (₹10.57 trillion) market capitalization on BSE, despite the stocks plunging by 0.5 per cent on Friday at ₹2,811 per share. Accenture, which has been topping the list for sometime, isn't far behind at $144.1 billion valuation on NASDAQ as on Friday

US Tech giant IBM which announced splitting into two public companies to focus more on IT infrastructure like cloud and artificial intelligence has a market capitalization of $115.4 billion now. TCS is the second Indian company to cross ₹10 lakh crore mark after Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Industries, whose market capitalization stood at ₹14.7 lakh crore. Research notes from various brokerages observed that the stock price of TCS has surged by over 30 per cent during the first half of 2020 even as the IT service provider's growth slipped during Q1 FY21(April-June quarter) as the pandemic impacted its businesses globally.

However, after a relatively strong quarter (Q2 FY21) results during which the company revenues grew by 4 per cent sequentially to ₹40,135 crore and $8.6 billion deal pipeline, most of the IT stocks on BSE have seen their share prices surge, also indicative of growth returning back to the industry. Wipro's stock price jumped by 4 per cent at ₹375.2 per share by Friday close on stock exchanges whereas Infosys rallied 1.6 per cent at ₹1,111 apiece on BSE. TCS also announced a ₹16,000 crore share buyback, which according to CEO Rajesh Gopinathan is consistent with the company's capital return policy.

Rising discom dues likely arrested in Sept

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ New Delhi

WITH power consumption breaching the pre-Covid mark in September, power distribution companies (discom) are likely to have arrested the sharp increase in debt seen over the past few months.

According to data from government sources, discoms' pending dues to power suppliers stood at a whopping ₹1.33 lakh crore at the end of August —a whopping 37.7 per cent higher than last year. However, taken on a month-on-month basis, there has been a huge deceleration in the pace at which discoms were adding debt since March this year.

Compared to the amount of dues in July (₹1.3 lakh crore), discoms added just ₹3,000-odd crore during August. A significant improvement from the ₹19,250 crore added during April and May together. At the end of May, discom dues had stood at ₹1.17 lakh crore.

However, things have begun improving since June, with economic activity recovering. "Q2 numbers were driven by improved power demand and generation, owing to the revival in the economic activities, especially in the Commercial & Industrial segment (C&I). Demand/generation across India fell marginally ~1.6 per cent/1.5 per cent in Q2FY21 (but) September 2020 witnessed a 2.7 per cent yoy rise in generation," noted Emkay Securities.

EXPRESS READ

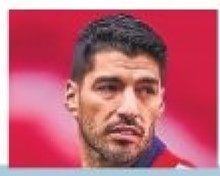
Series-VII of the sovereign gold bond opens for subscription from Oct 12

New Delhi: The government has issued Series VII Sovereign Gold Bonds which will open for subscription on October 12 until October 16. The settlement date of the issue is October 20. The issue price of the bond during subscription is ₹5,051 per gram. To promote digital purchase, there is discount of ₹50 per gram for online subscribers.

Indiabulls Housing Finance sells additional stake to raise ₹441cr

New Delhi: Indiabulls Housing Finance on Friday said it has sold its additional stake in OakNorth Holding Ltd — wholly owned parent company of OakNorth Bank Ltd for ₹441 crore. The sale proceeds will be accretive to the regulatory net worth and the CRAR (Capital to Risk-weighted Assets Ratio) of the company, it said.

Suarez says he spent days in tears



Striker Luis Suarez said his former club Barcelona treated him so unfairly that he spent days in tears before his departure to Atletico Madrid. The striker said his strong start at Atletico eases the pain he felt from leaving Barca, where he was on a team that won 13 titles since arriving in 2014.

Messi inspires Argentina win

AFP @ Buenos Aires

LIONEL Messi put his Barcelona troubles behind him to fire Argentina to an opening 1-0 victory over Ecuador in World Cup qualifying on Thursday.

The 33-year-old great has been in open conflict with his club but it had no detrimental effect on his form as his 13th minute penalty was the difference in a tight encounter.

The six-time Ballon d'Or winner unsuccessfully tried to force his way out of the Catalan giants in the close season but he seemed much happier in the light blue and white jersey of his country. And Argentina needed him to be on top form in a bid to avoid slipping up at home to Ecuador for the second successive time in an opening World Cup qualifier having lost 2-0 to the same opponents four years ago.

In Montevideo, Luis Suarez scored a record extending 60th international goal for Uruguay before substitute Maxi Gomez bagged an injury time winner against Chile.

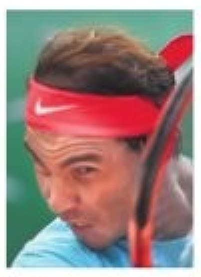
UNSTOPPABLE NADAL

World No 2 defeats Schwartzman in straight sets to enter 13th final

AFP @Paris

TWELVE-TIME champion Rafael Nadal reached his 13th French Open final on Friday with a 6-3, 6-3, 7-6 (7/0) win over Argentina's Diego Schwartzman, setting up a potential blockbuster title clash against Novak Djokovic (late match).

For 34-year-old Nadal, it was a 99th win at Roland Garros since his 2005 debut and put him just one victory away from equalling Roger Federer's all-time record of 20 Grand Slam titles.



He is also into his 28th final at the majors and has not dropped a set in the tournament this year. Nadal fought off two break points in a marathon 14-minute opening game. The world number two then broke for 2-0 but Schwartzman retrieved it immediately.

It was a brief respite for the 5ft 6in player as the 28-year-old was broken again in the fourth game. The Argentine saved a couple of set points but dumped the third one in the net and the opener was Nadal's after 65 minutes on court.

Nadal was comfortably the stronger, breaking in the third and ninth games for a two sets lead. With the match and his spirit seemingly drifting away, Schwartzman dropped serve

The Argentine was left to regret his 48 unforced errors and converting just three of his 12 break points.

LAST DANCE

The women's game has produced surprise final match ups at Roland Garros in recent times and that trend continues in 2020, with the unseeded Iga Swiatek. Here's a brief look at how she matches upto Sofia Kenin in Saturday's summit dash.

SOFIA KENIN, USA

IGA SWIATEK, POLAND

SOFIA KENIN, USA		IGA SWIATEK, POLAND
21	Age	19
6	Ranking	54
5	Titles	0
1	Slams	0

FACTS TO REMEMBER

- This is the first time that these two players will face off. However, they have faced once before in the junior circuit which the Pole won.
- Kenin has a 16-1 record this year at Majors this year. She won the Australian Open in January.
- Swiatek, who travels with a sports psychologist, has only lost 23 games across six matches. Her scalps include Simona Halep and Victoria Azarenka. She is yet to drop a set.
- If the Pole wins, she will become the youngest women's player to lift the French Open since Monica Seles in 1992.

8 Swiatek is the first Pole to reach the final of a Major since Aga Radwanska in 2012, eight years ago.

4 Lenin has lost at least one set in four of her six matches.

KXIP vs KKR
HEAD-TO-HEAD KKR 17, KXIP 8

Must-win for KXIP

A struggling Kings XI Punjab will face Kolkata Knight Riders in the first game of the double-header in Abu Dhabi on Saturday. Punjab are bottom of the table as they have not been able to close down matches and Kolkata will be a big test for him...

COMBINATION LOCK FOR KXIP

With five losses and a solitary win, KL Rahul's side is languishing at the bottom of the table. A constant chop and change shows Punjab's struggle with finding the right combination. It has to be seen if the big-hitter Chris Gayle — who was unavailable for selection for the last match due to illness — is fit and can bring in some change in fortune. Bowling at the death has also been a concern.

KKR LOOK TO CARRY MOMENTUM

After a few hiccups, Kolkata seems to be firing in all departments. Decision to open with Rahul Tripathi along with Shubman Gill proved successful against Chennai. Their bowling looks settled with pace attack of Pat Cummins, Kamlesh Nagarkoti and Shivam Mavi with spinner Varun Chakravarthy also chipping in.

CSK vs RCB
HEAD-TO-HEAD CSK 15, RCB 8

Southern derby

Having lost four of the six matches, Chennai Super Kings need to find their feet quickly if they are want to move up the ladder. On Saturday in Dubai, they take on Royal Challengers Bangalore, who have won three of five games...

MIDDLE MUDDLE

Barring Shane Watson and Faf du Plessis at the top, MS Dhoni's men have not been consistent with the bat. The middle-order continues to be a concern with skipper also not at his best yet. It has to be seen if Kedar Jadhav — who has come under criticism — will be backed by the team management or if the team opts for Rituraj Gaikwad or N Jagadeesan.

PACE CONCERN FOR RCB

A top-heavy side, Bangalore's main worry will be the form of their pacers. While Yuzvendra Chahal and Washington Sundar have bowled in tandem to keep things quiet, pacers haven't come alive so far. Navdeep Saini and Sri Lankan Isuru Udana have taken eight wickets between them but have leaked more than 10 runs per over.

Delhi show Capital strength at Sharjah

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

A CLINICAL all-round performance from Delhi Capitals helped them post fifth win in six matches as they defended 184 against Rajasthan Royals in Sharjah on Friday. Shreyas Iyer & Co were victorious by 46 runs as they moved to top of the table with 10 points. Rajasthan stay seventh with four points.

Shimron Hetmyer scored 45 for Delhi Capitals on Friday | SPORTZPICS

Chasing a big total at a small venue, Rajasthan lost their opener Jos Buttler in the third over and from there on, they never got going. From 72/2, they were left at 100/7 in 15 overs to eventually finish at 138. R Ashwin and Marcus Stoinis picked up two wickets each, but it was the off-spinner who stole the show with figures of 4-0-22-2. Kagiso Rabada took 3 wickets.

Earlier, despite some early jitters, Delhi came back to post 184/8 against Rajasthan. Delhi lost their Indian top-four for 79 runs inside 10 overs with Jofra Archer accounting for Prithvi Shaw and Shikhar Dhawan. Shreyas Iyer and Risabh Pant were both dismissed through runouts. However, Delhi found the momentum after 10 overs, thanks to their depth in batting. A 30-ball 39 from Marcus Stoinis and Shimron Hetmyer's 45 off 24 down the order helped the team to 184/8.

Brief scores: Delhi 184/8 in 20 ovs (Hetmyer 45, Stoinis 39; Archer 3/24) bt Rajasthan 138 in 19.4 ovs (Tewatia 38, Jaiswal 34).

IPL TOPPERS

ORANGE CAP

KL RAHUL 313 RUNS

PURPLE CAP

RABADA 15 WKTS

SIX-O-METER 332

FAIRPLAY KKR

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SPORTING LIFE

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FORMULA 1

Eifel Grand Prix | Hotstar/Star Sports Select 2 @ 5:40 pm

Fowler is EB coach

TALKS had been on for some time that Liverpool legend Robbie Fowler could be coaching East Bengal. That became a reality on Friday as the club made an official announcement saying they had managed to secure the services of the former England striker as head coach.

Coaching staff: Head coach: Robbie Fowler, **Assistant coach:** Anthony Grant, **Set piece coach:** Terence McPhillips, **Goalkeeping coach:** Robert Mimms, **Indian Assistant Coach:** Renedy Singh

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Swimming SOP for sportspersons out

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Chennai

FINALLY, the sports ministry has released the standard operating procedure (SOP) for training of sportspersons in pools on Friday. The home ministry has already said swimming of sportspersons can start training from October 15.

According to the SOP, the pools will be accessible for competitive swimmers above 12 years. The SOP also limit swimmers allowed in a pool at a given time. For a 50m, 10-lane pool it has permitted maximum 20 swimmers, while in 25m/50m 8-lane pools only 16.

The chlorine level must be maintained at 2.0PPM with Ph level between 7 and 7.4. Toilets and showers will be off limits.

OTHER PROTOCOLS

- Use a hand sanitizer if soap and water are not readily available before going to the pool. ● Wear your suit to and from practice. ● Change in your respective room. ● Arrive as close as possible to when activity begins. ● Shower before entering pool if outdoor shower available on pool deck. ● Coaches are advised to follow workouts to maintain basic fitness and endurance of the swimmers. High intensity workouts which may reduce athlete's immunity should be avoided.

WHILE SWIMMING

- Follow directions for spacing and stay at least six feet apart from others. ● Do not make physical contact with others or giving a high five. ● Try not to take water in your mouth while swimming and if you need to spit do so in the gutter.

BANGALORE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORT CORPORATION
Central Office, K.H. Road, Shanthinagar, Bengaluru - 560 027.

No. BMTC/PADT/ACC/882 /2020-21 Dated: 09-10-2020

INVITING QUOTATION

EMPANELMENT OF BANKS FOR INVESTMENT OF SURPLUS FUNDS OF BMTC FOR ONE YEAR

BMTC invites Quotations from Regional/Zonal/ Head office of Nationalized Public Sector Banks/Regional Rural Banks/Private Scheduled Commercial Banks in India, for the Investment of Education Assistance funds of **Rs. 20 lakhs & above** in fixed deposit for one year. No Individual Bank Branch is allowed to participate in this quotation. The due date for submitting the quotation is **15th of Oct 2020** through email (email id **caofa@mybmtc.com**)

Sd/- Managing Director, BMTC, Bengaluru.

DIPR/DDU/Adverto/1353/2020-21

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OFFICE OF ADDITIONAL CHIEF ENGINEER
PHED, JAIPUR REGION-I, JAIPUR
Jyoti Nagar, Sahakar Marg, Jaipur-302005
Phone : 0141-2740170(0) ace1.jpr.phed.@rajasthan.gov.in.com

No: F()/ACE/PHED/Ar.NKT/NIT-15/2020-21 Date:

(e-NIT No. 15/2020-21)

Online tenders are, hereby invited on behalf of the Governor of Rajasthan for the following works from the bidder meeting eligibility as per criteria mentioned in the detailed tender document which can be seen and downloaded from website https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in. Tenders are to be submitted online in electronic format on website https://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in as per schedule given below:-

NIT No.	Name of Work	Estimated Cost (Rs. in lacs)	Earnest Money (Rs.)	Last date for submission of tender	Due date for opening
15/ 2020-21	Work of Providing, laying, testing and commissioning of DI/HDPE pipeline, Construction and commissioning of 200mm dia tube well RCC OHSR, CWR Pump house with allied civil and mechanical works and providing FHTC along defect liability with O&M for one year Under Jal Jeevan Mission at Regional Rural water supply Jaitusar-Gudda Div Neemkathana Dist Sikar	263.30	263303/-	28.10.2020 (up to 6.00 PM)	29.10.2020 (11.00 AM)

NIT No.	NIB No.	UBN No.
15/2020-21		PHE2021WSOB06171

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Sd/- (R.C. Misra) Additional Chief Engineer PHED, Jaipur Region-I, Jaipur

DIPR/C/8025/2020

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I, the undersigned advocate on behalf of my clients Sri Munivenkatappa S/o Late Thimmabhovi @ Ramabhovi, aged about 80 years, R/at: Bhovi Palya village, Navarathna Agrahara, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk and others have filed the above petition for the death certificate of one Late Venkatamma W/o Late Thimmabhovi @ Ramabhovi who was died on 10.05.2012 at their residential address at Bhovi Palya village, Navarathna Agrahara, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk. If any parties who have objections may dispute regarding the same can appear before the Hon'ble Additional Civil Judge and JMFC at Devanahalli and the date of hearing on 27.10.2020 at 11.00 A.M. in C.Misc.No. 197/2020.
By Order of the Court, Sd/- Chief Ministerial Officer Civil Judge & JMFC Court, Devanahalli
Sri L. Krishnoji Rao, Advocate

ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

ಆನೇಕಲ್ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕು, ಕಸಬಾ ಹೋಬಳಿ, ಮುತ್ತುಗಟ್ಟಿ ಗ್ರಾಮದ ಸರ್ವೆ ನಂ.71/2, ವಿಸ್ತೀರ್ಣ 7.18.00 (ಏಳು ಎಕರೆ ಹದಿನೆಂಟು ಗುಂಟೆ) ಜಮೀನಿನಲ್ಲಿ ದಸ್ತಾವೇಜು ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ 1791 ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ದಿನಾಂಕ: 04.05.1944 ರಂದು ಚಿಕ್ಕ ಬುಡ್ಡನ ರವರು ಮಹಮದ್ ಉಸ್ಮಾನ್ ಹುಸೇನ್ ಉ ದಾಬು ಸಾಬ್ ರವರಿಗೆ ರೂ.200/- ಗಳಿಗೆ ಕ್ರಯ ಇಳಿ ಭೋಗ್ಯ ಮಾಡಿರುತ್ತಾರೆ, ಈ ಮೇಲಿನ ಜಮೀನಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಟ್ಟ ಯಾರಿಗಾದರು ಹಕ್ಕು, ಬಾಧ್ಯತೆ ಇದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಿಗಳ ದೂರವಾಣಿಯ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆಗೆ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸತಕ್ಕದ್ದು.
ಸಿ. ಮಂಜುನಾಥ ಗೌಡ, ಮೊಬೈಲ್: 9844942253
ಮೋಹನ ಕಾಂತ, ಬೆಂಗಳೂರು. 9970287809.

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1 BENGALURU
2nd Floor, LIC Jeevan Mangal Building No. 4, Residency Road, Bengaluru- 560025
DRC No : 11896

The Federal Bank Ltd., Asset Recovery Branch ......Certificate Holder
Versus
Sri A.E Umesh & Others .....Defendants/Certified Debtors

To,
1. **Sri A.E Umesh, S/o Late Eshwar Rao,** Department No. 4583, PB No. 70377/38, HAL (B.C), Engine Division, Bengaluru Complex, Bengaluru-560017. **R/at:** No. G-726, 3rd Cross, Central Township, HAL Quarters, Bengaluru-560017. Since Dead Rep. by his Lrs, Defendant No. 4 and 5.
2. **Smt. Lakshmi, W/o A.E Umesh, R/at:** No. G-726, 3rd Cross, Central Township, HAL Quarters, Bengaluru-560017. **R/at:** No. 105, Geddalahalli, Sanjaya Nagar, Bengaluru-560094.
3. **Ms. A.U. Sandya, D/o A.E Umesh, R/at:** No.G-726, 3rd Cross, Central Township, HAL Quarters, Bengaluru-560017.
4. **Sri A.U Roopesh, S/o A.E Umesh,** R/at: No. G-726, 3rd Cross, Central Township, HAL Quarters, Bengaluru-560017.

DEMAND NOTICE

In view of the Recovery Certificate issued in **O.A. No. 1155/2012** passed by the Hon'ble Presiding Officer, DRT, Bengaluru an amount of **Rs.11,81,701/-** (Rupees Eleven Lakhs Eighty one Thousand Seven Hundred One Only) is due against you along with interest and costs from the date of filling of O.A.s till realization.
You are hereby called upon to deposit the amount within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.
In additions to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay:
(a) Such interest as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the execution proceedings.
(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal on 9th day of July 2018.

Sd/- (RAJASEKHARAN. R) RECOVERY OFFICER - I DRT-1, BENGALURU

SOUTHERN RAILWAY
(CONSTRUCTION ORGANISATION)
E-TENDER NOTICE
No.SG-CNMTP-2020-3-SA-EI
dt: 08-10-2020

Name of the work: Provision of Electronic Interlocking Signalling arrangements (Both Indoor & Outdoor) at Salem Junction on Salem Division in connection with Salem - Omalur Doubling. **Approximate Cash Value:** Rs. 1254.01 Lakhs. EMD: Rs. 7,77,000/-. Period of Completion: Six months.
Date and time of Tender Closing: 30-10-2020 at 14.00 hrs.
For further details refer Website address: www.ireps.gov.in.
Executive Signal and Telecom Engineer, Construction and Metropolitan Transport Project, Southern Railway, Chennai-31
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SOUTHERN RAILWAY
MATERIALS MANAGEMENT DEPT.
CENTRAL WORKSHOPS, SOUTHERN RAILWAY, PONMALAI, TRICHY- 620004

E-Tender Notice for the supply of Stores - No.GOC/Stores/E/9/2020
The following e-tender has been published in IREPS website. Firms are requested to Login to http://www.ireps.gov.in ->login -> E-Tender -> Goods & Services (New) and quote against the tender. Manual quotations will not be entertained. Closing time: 14.30 hours.
Tender No.: 52205709. **Description:** 203mm Bogie Mounted Air Brake Cylinder. **Due date:** 26/10/2020.
Tender No.: 67205269. **Description:** Supply and Application of Paints. **Due date:** 05/11/2020.
Attention: Micro Small Medium Enterprises [MSMEs]. The benefits provided to MSMEs under Public Procurement Policy for goods and services are as per details provided in the link http://www.ireps.gov.in -> ireps public documents -> Southern Railway
Dy.Chief Materials Manager Goldenrock
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Our clients **SRI BIDHAN CHANDRA NEOGI & SUTAPA NEOGI**, R/at #21, 3rd Cross, Cubbonpete, Bengaluru 560002 Proposed to purchase Property in Site bearing **No.14, Katha No.70/1 & 71, situated at Vittasandra Village, Beguru Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk,** measuring East to West 42 feet North to South 30 feet and bounded on **East by:** Private Property, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Site No.13 and **South by:** Private Property from Sri M Tapas Karok, son of Bhadeswar Karok, aged about 47 years, R/at No.42/2, 1st Cross, ORC Road, Austin Town, Bengaluru. The Vendor of our client represents, that he has lost sale deed dated 09.11.2006 registered as document No.BAS-1-20739-2006-07 of Book 1 stored in C.D.No.BASD285 in the Office of the Senior Sub-Registrar, Bengaluru South Taluk. Any person/persons having any right, title, interest or claim over the above said property or any part thereof may put forth their claim or submit their objection with documentary proof within **FIFTEEN DAYS** from the date of this publication before under signed within office hours. Failing which my clients will proceed to complete the above said agreement, as there is no objection from any body and my clients will not liable for any future consequences.
M. G. SURESH HOLLA, M S SHISHIRA HOLLA, Advocates, 201, GANA-GIRI, Cubbonpet Main Road, Bengaluru 560 002. Ph: 22213061.

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY
e-Tender Notice
Tender No : 58/2020-21/KWA/PHC/D3/TVM/RT2,60,61,62/2020-21 KWA/PHC/D3/TVM/RT1,63 & 66/2020-21 KWA/PHC/D2/TVM/RT1. Jal Jeevan Mission - 2020-21 Thiruvananthapuram District - Providing functional household tap connection and related works in Nanniyode, Vithura, Tholicode, Poovachal, Thirupuram and Poovar Panchayaths in Thiruvananthapuram District. EMD : Rs. 1,00,000/Each. Tender fee : Rs. 7500/Each. Last Date for submitting Tender : 20-10-2020 03:00:pm. Phone : 0471-2322303. Website : www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in
Superintending Engineer, PH Circle, Thiruvananthapuram
KWA-JB-GL-6-470-2020-21

JAWAHARLAL NEHRU PORT TRUST
(MARINE DEPARTMENT)
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SHORT NOTICE INVITING TENDER
Tender No. JNP/DC/Manning-C/2020
Online E-tenders in two bid system (Technical and Price bids) are invited by JNPT, Navi Mumbai from experienced and eligible tenderers for **Providing Services of Mooring Crew & Supervisors.** Tender documents can be downloaded from **10/10/2020 to 09/11/2020** from CPP Portal **https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app** or JNPT Website **www.jnport.gov.in** then click on **"Tenders → JNPT Tenders"** LINK for accessing the site. The completed tenders will be accepted up to **15:00 Hrs. on 09/11/2020** through e-procurement process only. For detailed tender notice, please visit **https://eprocure.gov.in/eprocure/app** or **www.jnport.gov.in**
Deputy Conservator

GOVERNMENT OF KARNATAKA
KOPPAL INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES (R), KOPPAL
(ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರಕಾರದ ಸ್ವಾಯತ್ತ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆ) ನೊಂದಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:KOL-S243-2012-13 ದಿನಾಂಕ:15-03-2013 Website : www.kimskoppal.com email :directorkimskoppal@gmail.com, MedSupte:08539-225022. Office : 08539 225523 Fax :08539 225522

No.KIMS,Koppal/Tender/56/2020-21 Dated: 08.10.2020

Corrigendum

In Continuation to This office tender notification No:KIMS/Koppal/Tender/Sugrical Items/56/2020-21 Date:07.09.2020. towards the purchase of Surgical Items Published on 10.09.2020 The Quantity of the Items are amended in tender document and E-Portal and the schedule dates of tender is postponed. the amended details can view at E-portal web site . **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** and also from this College web site www.kims.kar.nic.in.

Tenders are required to quote/supply and to calculate EMD as per the amended quantity.

Sd/- Director,Koppal Institute of Medical Sciences, Koppal
DIPR/Koppal/143/MCA/2020-21

TATA CAPITAL HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED
Branch Address: No 82/1, Ground Floor, Krishna Towers, Bengaluru 560025
Registered Address: 11th Floor, Tower A, Peninsulaa Business Park, GanpatraoKadam Marg, Lower Parel, Mumbai - 400013.

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY (Under Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the below Borrower/ Co- Borrower that the below described immovable property mortgaged to **Tata Capital Housing Finance Ltd.** (Secured Creditor), the Physical Possession of which has been taken by the **Authorised Officer of Tata Capital Housing Finance Ltd.** (Secured Creditor), **will be sold on "As is where is" & "As is what is" and "Whatever there is"** for recovery of total sum of outstanding from below mentioned Borrower's & Co- Borrower's The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit is mentioned below. Whereas the sale of secured asset is to be made to recover the secured debt and whereas there was a due of a sum as mentioned below Notice is hereby given that, in the absence of any postponement/ discontinuance of the sale, the said property **shall be sold by E- Auction at 2 P.M. on the said 28.10.2020 at at No 82/1, Ground Floor, Krishna Towers, Richmond Road, Bengaluru - 560025. The sealed envelope containing Demand Draft for participating in E- Auction shall be submitted to the Authorized Officer of the TATA CAPITAL HOUSING FINANCE LTD on or before 27.10.2020 till 5 PM. The sale of the Secured Asset/ property will be on "as is where condition is"**

Sr. No	Loan A/c No	Name of Obligor(s)/Legal Heir(s)/Legal Representative(s)	Amount as per Demand Noice	Reserve Price	Earnest Money	Date of Inspection	Last date times of submission of sealed bif / offer	Date & Time of Auction
1	9892376	M CHANDRA (Borrower) and Mrs. Mamatha K M. as Co-Borrower.	Rs.19,08,789/- as on 27.10.2018	Rs. 20,21,760/-	Rs. 2,02,176/-	20.10.2020 bet 11 AM to 5.00 PM	27.10.2020 till 5 PM.	28.10.2020 AT 2 P.M
Description of Secured Asset : All that piece and parcel of property bearing No.2206, Gram Panchayat No. 150300402600303388, situated at Sulibele Village & Hobli, Hosakote Taluk, Bangalore Rural District, measuring East to West: 18.28 Mtrs and North to South: 12.18 Mtrs totally measuring 222.96 Mtrs and followed with boundaries:-East: Road, West: Site No.2, North: Road, South: Site No.11 & 12.								
2	9772682	Mr. KARTHIK CHANDRASHEKHAR as Borrower and Mr. GUNDAPPA CHANDRASHEKAR as the Co-Borrower	Rs.20,69,080/- as on 20.11.2019	Rs. 25,50,042/-	Rs. 2,55,004.2	20.10.2020 bet 11 AM to 5.00 PM	27.10.2020 till 5 PM.	28.10.2020 AT 2 P.M
Description of Secured Asset : Description of the Immovable Property : ITEM NO.1 : All that piece and parcel of Vacant Site No.1, Katha No. 40, Assessment No. 4, Situated at KG Sreekantapura Village, Madavara Vilage Panchayath, Dasanpura Hobli, Banglaore North Taluk and bounded on : East : Others property, West : 25 ft road, North : Others property and South : Site No.2. Measuring East to West 43.5ft and North to South 31 ft totally measuring 1348.5 Sq ft. ITEM NO.2 : All that piece and parcel of Vacant Site No.2, Katha No. 40, Assessment No. 4, Situated at KG Sreekantapura Village, Madavara Vilage Panchayath, Dasanpura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk and bounded on : East : Others property, West : 25 ft road, North : Site No.1 and South : Site No.3 Measuring East to West 42.5ft and North to South 30 ft totally measuring 1275 Sq ft.								

At the Auction, the public generally is invited to submit their bid(s) personally
The description of the Secured asset/ property that will be put up for sale is as per above Schedule. The E auction will be stopped if, amount due as aforesaid, with interest and costs (including the cost of the sale) are tendered to the 'Authorized Officer' or proof is given to his satisfaction that the amount of such secured debt, interest and costs has been paid before the date of the auction. No officer or other person, having any duty to perform in connection with this sale shall, however, directly or indirectly bid for, acquire or attempt to acquire any interest in the property sold.
The sale shall be subject to the conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 and to the **following further conditions :** The E-auction will take place through portal **https://DisposalHub.com on 28/10/2020 between 2.00 PM to 3.00 PM** with limited extension of 10 minutes each.
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A new *PLOS ONE* study confirms that cardiovascular disease, hypertension, diabetes, congestive heart failure, chronic kidney disease, stroke and cancer can increase a patient's risk of dying from the virus.

GMO wheat gets the greenlight in Argentina in a 1st

South American nation is the first to approve growing & eating genetically modified wheat

SCIENCE

BUENOS AIRES: Argentina has become the first country to approve the growth and consumption of genetically modified wheat, the country's agriculture ministry announced Thursday.

The ministry's scientific commission said in a statement released in Buenos Aires that it had approved a drought-resistant variety of wheat in the world's fourth-largest exporter of the crop.

"This is the first approval in the world for drought-tolerant genetic transformation in wheat," the National Commission for Science and Technology (CONICET) said in a statement.

However, experts expressed concern about the growth and marketing of genetically modified crops (GMOs), citing difficulties in marketing such produce to consumers concerned about their effect on health and the environment.

CONICET said the genetic modifications to Argentina's wheat crop would have to be approved in Brazil, historically the country's biggest export market, to be commercially viable.

Some 45 percent of Argentina's wheat exports in 2019 went to Brazil.

Other key markets are Indonesia, Chile and Kenya.

Formal government approval is due to be published on Thursday or Friday in the official Gazette.

The drought-resistant HB4 wheat variety was developed by Argentine biotechnology company Bioceres, working with the National University and CONICET.

"Approval of our HB4 wheat in Argentina represents a groundbreaking milestone for the entire global value chain of this important crop, given the substantial yield increases and significant environmental benefits that our technology offers," said Bioceres CEO Federico Trucco.

"Now we must go out into the world and convince people that this is super good and be able to generate markets for this wheat, which represents an evolutionary leap."

Trucco admitted that winning approval from Brazil, the country's key export market, could prove difficult.

"The first country we have to convince is Brazil, and it may be hard work," he said.

Experts in the Winter Cereals Committee of the National Seeds Institute expressed concern over the government greenlighting of the project.

In a letter released Thursday, they warned that no country approved the use of transgenic wheat varieties "due to the non-acceptance by local and/or foreign consumers of products made with transgenic crops and the difficulty of keeping GMO and non-GMO production separate."

ARCHAEOLOGY

EXFILE

Atlas to guard Zeus' temple once more

Do you know about Atlas, the punished Titan? In the war of the Gods, as per Greek mythology, he led the ancient Gods against the younger ones, Olympians, such as Zeus. The Titans were defeated and Atlas was forced to bear the sky on his shoulders for eternity. Now, a reassembled, 26-foot-tall statue of the Elder God will soon stand guard over the ancient **Temple of Zeus** in Agrigento, Sicily

The ancient city of Akragas (now **Agrigento**) was founded 2,600 years ago

STATUE HEIGHT 8 METRES | **AGE** 480 BC

1,00,000 people lived in the city during the 5th century BC. Philosopher Empedocles is supposed to have said that Agrigento's citizens "ate as if they would die the next day, and built as if they would live forever," the *New York Times* reported

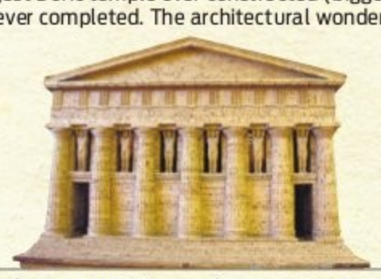
38 The statue was one of 38 that adorned the ancient Greek temple. Each towering Atlas statue held up a section of Temple of Zeus' architrave, or main beam

The colossal statue has been reassembled from the surviving fragments of eight other Atlas statues of the Temple of Zeus

TEMPLE OF ZEUS

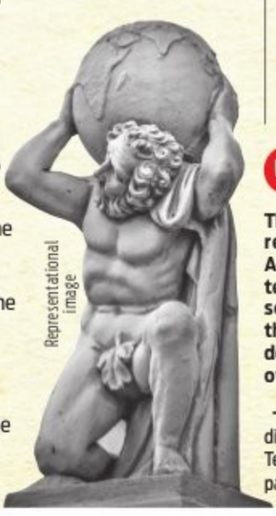
It was the largest Doric temple ever constructed (bigger than a football field), but never completed. The architectural wonder is now in ruins

Model reconstruction of the Temple of Zeus shows how the Atlas statues were originally positioned



LENGTH 340 FT | **WIDTH** 160 FT | **HEIGHT** 120 FT

WHO BUILT IT? Greek tyrant Theron built the temple to commemorate his defeat of the Carthaginians. He probably used enslaved prisoners-of-war to build the temple, historians say



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The idea is to reposition one of these Atlases in front of the temple. So that it may serve as a guardian of the structure dedicated to the father of the gods

- Roberto Sciarratta, director of the Valley of the Temples archaeological park, told the *Guardian*

Latest China take: It was global before we reported

The epidemic broke out in various places in the world at the end of last year, while China was the first to report the outbreak, identified the pathogen and shared the genome sequence with the world

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying

SCIENCE SPIN

BEIJING: China on Friday claimed that the coronavirus broke out in the various parts of the world last year but it was the only one to have reported and acted first, rebutting the widely-held view that the deadly contagion originated in Wuhan before turning out to be a pandemic.

China, besides denying the claims that Covid-19 has emerged from a bio-lab in the city of Wuhan, also rejected that it emanated from a wet market in the central Chinese city from bats or pangolins before infecting humans.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying told a media briefing that "the coronavirus is a new kind of virus as more and more facts emerge as reports reveal, we all know that the epidemic broke out in various places in the world at the end of last year, while China was the first to report the outbreak, identified the pathogen and shared the genome sequence with the world."

Hua's comments came in response to US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo's allegations of a cover-up by the ruling Communist Party of China (CPC).

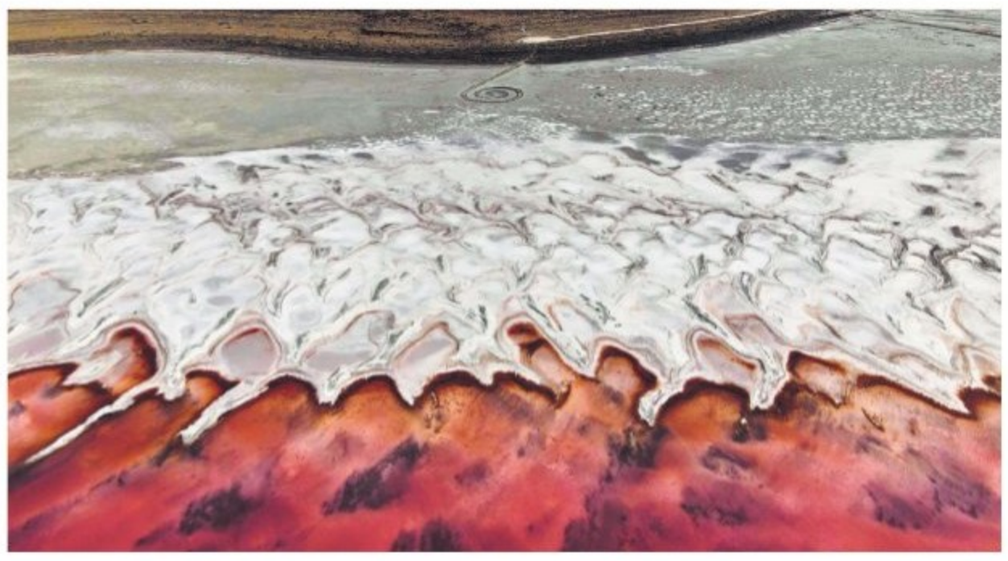
The coronavirus crisis was infinitely made worse by the Chinese Communist Party's cover-up, Pompeo had said in Tokyo at the QUAD ministerial meeting of the US, India, Australia and Japan on Tuesday.

The Chinese Foreign Ministry statement was made as the World Health Organisation (WHO) was gearing up to probe the origin of the deadly coronavirus.

The WHO has given to Beijing a list of global experts to be sent to China to probe the origin of the coronavirus, Hong Kong-based South China Morning Post reported on Thursday. The WHO is awaiting its approval.

In May, the annual meeting of the World Health Assembly (WHA), the Geneva-based WHO's decision-making body currently headed by India, passed a unanimous resolution to probe the origin of the virus. China also backed the resolution.

In August, a two-member team from the WHO, which visited China, completed the groundwork for the probe into the animal source and reservoirs of Covid-19 which first emerged in Wuhan in Dec.



LIVING IN BRINE

The Great Salt Lake in Utah. US, turns red due to the presence of the salt-loving halophilic bacteria | AP

Virus survivors have 4 months protection

RESEARCH

NEW YORK: People who survive serious Covid-19 infections have long-lasting immune responses against the virus, say researchers, adding that survivors may have four months of protection.

The study in *Science Immunology* offers hope that people infected with the virus will develop lasting protection against reinfection. The research also demonstrated that measuring antibodies can be an accurate tool for tracking the spread in a community.

"The immune system produces proteins called antibodies in response to SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes Covid-19. But there is a big knowledge gap in terms of how long these antibody responses last," said study author Richelle Charles from the Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) .

To find out, the research team obtained blood samples from 343 Covid-19 patients with Covid-19, most of whom had severe cases.

The researchers found that levels of the antibody immunoglobulin G (IgG) remained elevated in these patients for four months, and were associated with the presence of protective neutralizing antibodies, which also showed little decline in activity over time.

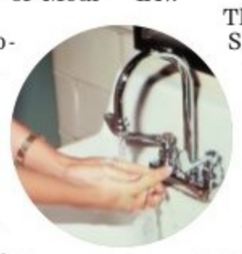
Coronavirus can linger on the skin for 9 hours

STUDY

NEW DELHI: The SARS-CoV-2 virus, which causes COVID-19, may linger on human skin for nine hours, much longer than the flu viruses can, according to a study.

The influenza A virus (IAV), in contrast, remained viable on human skin for nearly two hours, said the researchers including those from Kyoto Prefectural University of Medicine in Japan.

The study, published in the journal Clinical Infectious Diseases, found that both the viruses were rapidly inactivated on skin with a hand sanitiser.



The finding underscores the importance of hand washing or using a sanitiser to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

The researchers noted that the stability of SARS-CoV-2 on human skin remains unknown, considering the hazards of viral exposure to humans.

"We generated a model that allows the safe reproduction of clinical studies on the application of pathogens to human skin and elucidated the stability of SARS-CoV-2 on the human skin," the researchers wrote in the journal

They evaluated the stability of SARS-CoV-2 and IAV, mixed with culture medium or upper respiratory mucus, on human skin surfaces.

The researchers also evaluated the disinfection effectiveness on skin of 80 per cent ethanol against SARS-CoV-2 and IAV.

The study found that SARS-CoV-2 and IAV were inactivated more rapidly on skin surfaces than on other surfaces such as stainless steel, glass and plastic.

The survival time was significantly longer -- 9 hours -- for SARS-CoV-2 than for IAV (1.82 hours), according to the researchers.

"The nine hour survival of SARS-CoV-2 on human skin may increase the risk of contact transmission in comparison with IAV, thus accelerating the pandemic," the researchers wrote in the journal.

"Proper hand hygiene is important to prevent the spread of SARS-CoV-2 infections," they said.

FACT OF THE MATTER

Open windows may curb virus

NEW IDEA

While billions are being spent on the search for a Covid-19 vaccine and treatment, experts say there may be something you can do to help avoid the virus that costs nothing: open the window. Growing evidence suggests that allowing air to circulate around enclosed spaces can help disperse the air-borne viral droplets that cause infection. These aerosols are thought to be able to remain in the air for hours. That's where reaching for the window latch may help. Epidemiologist Antoine Flahault likened dispersing the viral cloud to airing out a room when someone is smoking. "What do you do? You open a window to let the smoke out," he said. "And it's the same for these invisible aerosols."

A plane faster than sound

TECHNOLOGY

A demonstrator aircraft from US startup Boom Supersonic is set to begin flight testing next year in an attempt to break the sound barrier, media reports said. Supersonic passenger travel died out in 2003 with the retirement of the Concorde. While today's supersonic planes are more fuel efficient and quieter, activists have raised concerns about the high levels of emissions for these jets. Boom's plane XB-1 has a 71-foot-long fuselage, a carbon-composite airframe and three General Electric-designed J85-15 engines, a statement from the company said. The XB-1 is a scaled-down version of the planned passenger jet designed to carry up to 100 people and cut flying time by half.

PROOF OF CONCEPT

Sewing robots are stringing together these Adidas running shoes

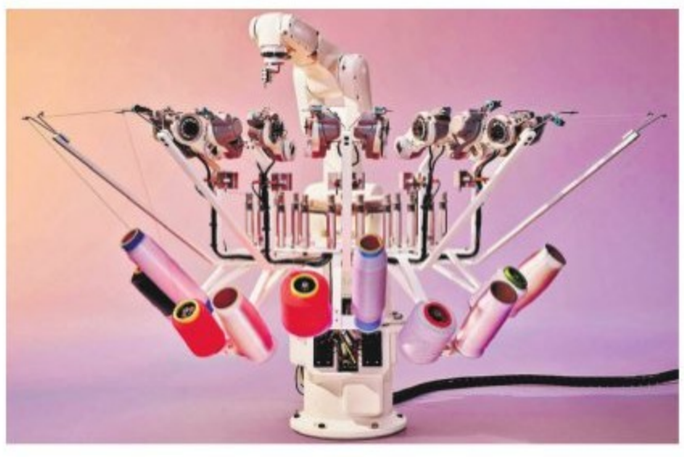
HIGH-TECH

LONDON: Runners and shoe companies tend to wax eloquent about the different soles of their trainers, but the upper fabric goes neglected. Adidas has now revealed that it has been secretly working on a new technological way to create the upper parts of shoes.

A custom-built robot weaves thousands of individual threads onto the uppers of shoes, the threads colour-coded to reflect strength or flexibility.

"While the Strung fabric will initially be used in running shoes—the first versions won't be available until late 2021 or even 2022—the company is already looking at how the new process can be used across other products it makes," Wired magazine reported on Friday.

Ordinary fabric manufacturing only allows threads to be placed either horizontally or vertically, leading to a repetition in patterns on shoe designs. But this new technology, called Futurecraft.Strung, places multiple layers of threads at different angles, with each thread adjusted to have different properties, the company said.



Handout images from Adidas show the sewing robot (L) that can thread together a new kind of shoe (above)

"Some behave almost like a rubber band and some are more like a steel wire," Clemens Dyckmans, a senior executive, told Wired.

The design is behavioural data collected from runners and the conditions in which they run, Fionn Corcoran-Tadd, an innovation designer at Adidas' Futurecraft lab, told the magazine.

Strung is only in the concept phase right now, but the company says its robot can feed 10 spools of thread into a central system and can be programmed to create designs for the upper, which will be a single piece.

More, the upper can be made in minutes and will only weigh 35 grams.

"The unique opportunity of Strung is that a robot is doing something that a human is not capable of," Dyckmans was quoted as saying.

It's more precise than the human, it's faster than the human, and therefore it has its place," he added. "You can leave the room. You can do 10 at a time, and just run it."

Adidas says the technology allows it to produce shoes at scale, with fewer than 10 robotos needed to make the targetted number.

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RULES AND REGULATIONS

The treaty laid down that outer space and celestial bodies be only used for peaceful purposes. It also prohibited the placement of nuclear weapons or mass destruction anywhere in space

FOR ALL OF MANKIND

It stipulated that space work be carried out in the interest of all countries and that it be free for all states. It recognised astronauts as envoys of mankind

A PLACE FOR INDIA

While 103 countries are a part of the treaty, 23 haven't completed the ratification. India signed the treaty in 1967 and it was deposited on January 18, 1982

Tharun Sudhir launches production house

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BENGALURU BEATS

'WE NEED TO HAVE INCENTIVES FOR PEOPLE TO KEEP FIT'

Chaitanya V Cotha
Executive Director, C Krishniah Chetty Group Of Jewellers

In my opinion, there are a few issues that Bengaluru needs to address right away. The cost of health care is very high, which we see based on Covid-19. There needs to be enough support to ensure that not only our elderly but also our young population is taken care of. The youth needs to understand the value of this as we must learn from past experiences of elders as well as better governed countries. This, in turn, will give better mental and physical health, and most of all, a happier life to do more and achieve more. In this current scenario, I feel schools must stress the importance of being fit and healthy, and course content needs to be adapted to the new world. This will avoid future illness that might crop up at a later stage. There must be mandates and, if at all, one-day incentives for people to keep fit. For example, the right fat to muscle percentage can give a tax benefit linking it to other aspects of health. Imagine if we could become the fittest country in the world, think about what that will mean.

Bengaluru has it all – the best weather, restaurants and also the nicest people. If our leaders can leverage this to better the state, in all fields, be it manufacturing or retail, all will thrive. If all the plans that have been envisioned, such as the Metro being done as per timelines, commute can get better for many people. This will help reduce time on the road and more time for life. One of my favourite quotes is that "a country's development is not measured by the number of expensive cars on the road, but by the number of wealthy people who use public transport." The changes Bengaluru should strive for are roads being more organised. Post the first lockdown, we saw that the streets and air were clean, and getting from one part of the city to the other was a breeze. This is a game-changer for the city if traffic can be organised. Also, Bengaluru can excel in technology that is reaching the masses. If we are the IT capital of India, we should find ways to harness this capability. We can also become one of the "smartest" cities in the country. As we are in the information age, we can develop hardware and software that can make any item "smart". I've seen vending machines in Japan that customise the product display on whether it senses the features in front of a customer such as height (age), gender etc. I can see Bangalore as becoming a "smart" city.

A change can be brought in these fields as I believe the residents of our city have the capabilities to make this happen. If the government is short on resources, it can always assign contracts to allow private companies to achieve their goals; good leaders remove obstacles to enable people in whatever way they need.

Solution

For all this to happen, we need to be mindful of what we are doing. Every action we take has an impact that will create a ripple effect. We need to focus on small wins daily, this will soon become mightily large over a short period.

Let your mixed feelings about Bengaluru get stirred up, as an influential person talks about things nice and nasty about the city in this weekly column

WRITE TURN

Writing has been cathartic and people, during the pandemic, are leaning on to their creative side to help them get through. The result has been publishers being flooded with book requests

• Vidya Iyengar

As a grim situation unfolded over the last six months with the raging pandemic, Bengalureans looked at means to beat the lockdown blues – summer cleaning, baking, and catching up on reading. Many decided to pen their thoughts and turn author. The result has been publishers being flooded with requests, with e-books too gaining popularity. Even prominent writer Sudha Murty is coming out with a collection of stories for children, *Grandparents' Bag of Stories*, which she wrote during the lockdown.

According to Dipika V Maiya, proprietor of Maiya Publishing, which has published over 40 books recently, including six coffee table books, authors no longer want their books in print. "They are fine with PDFs. This was a big shift for me, but as a publisher, I'm happy," she says.

Self-publishing, Naveen Valasakumar, co-founder, Notion-Press Publishing, feels has come of age during this pandemic in terms of the number of books published and the quality. Between April and August, the publishers found thought leaders wanting to use their downtime or time saved in commute wanting to write and publish works. "These are usually professionals who dreamt of publishing a book but never found time.

Representational pic

These leaders are already known in their industries and want to use their books as an intelligent business card to generate new opportunities, speaking gigs and build their brand further," says Valasakumar. They have published over 4,200 books since April and are currently publishing about 1,000 books per month, and hope to double that by end of December.

To reflect the times we are in, Penguin has brought out relevant works right at the start of the pandemic, including *The Coronavirus: What you Need to Know about the Global Pandemic* by Dr Swapneil Parikh, Maherra Desai, and Dr Rajesh Parikh as an e-book in April and subsequently in print. "We are also publishing books that have been inspired from and during the pandemic and lockdown. In October, we are launching an anthology of poems, *Singing in the Dark* edited by K Satchidanandan, Nishi Chawla which was written in the lockdown by renowned poets," says Nandan Jha, SVP, Product & Sales, Penguin Random House India. In the last four months, however, Penguin has published 60+ titles on a diverse range, including biographies, hard-hitting political commentaries, business books, and classics.

Several authors have published books related to Covid-19, ranging from their personal experiences to the economy in the post-Covid world. However, Valasakumar says they have a strict policy on publishing health advise about Covid-19 as these might not be accurate. "During such difficult times, writing is cathartic and people lean on to their creative side to help them get through. Having a tangible outcome to that like a published book, is a plus," Valasakumar says, pointing out that Bengaluru is their second popular city after Chennai where they are headquartered.

Challenges are aplenty– traditional book distribution systems being a struggle and not being able to host ground events, a main way for readers to interact with authors in person, but Maiya's grouse is the ISBN department not churning out numbers as fast as they used to. "Their website constantly crashes since most publishers are flooded with books," she says.

READERS' VIEW

In the initial stage of the pandemic outbreak, Nandan Jha, SVP, Product & Sales, Penguin Random House India, found that reader preferences were books on dystopia, past pandemics, motivation, and self-help. "In time, this interest varied according to trending topics and we saw a rise in searches for books on sports (during the IPL), on business and economics, on mythology, romance, well-being, spirituality and cookery. There was a notable rise in search for children's books and we can attribute this to parents keeping their kids occupied at home and reducing their screen time," he explains.

Partner in crime

Actress Shanvi Srivastava, who is currently spending time amidst nature, has a new partner in crime. We're talking about actor-singer Shruti Prakash. Prakash recently revealed on her Instagram story that Srivastava who wanted to do an upper body workout got a tennis elbow. Trust friends to let out embarrassing stories.

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CULTURAL MEET

Show must go on

• Monika Monalisa

Mysuru's Dasara celebration is known for its grandeur with the city getting dolled up to show a glimpse of its deep cultural heritage. Every year, thousands of people visit the state to be part of the cultural extravaganza. As the festival season kicks in, Bengaluru is geared up to welcome visitors to offer an artsy treat. With the Covid-19 fear in the air, the Bengaluru International Arts Festival – which started on Friday – is back with a bang with its 13th edition, this time donning a virtual look.

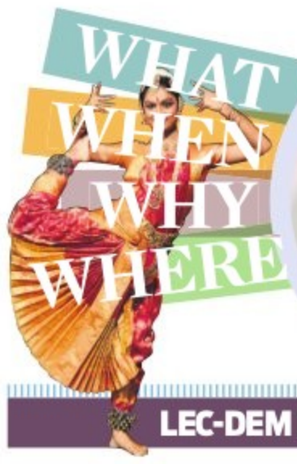
The organisers say the festival's primary objective is to offer an amalgamation of global art forms while people visit Karnataka to experience the Mysore Dasara extravaganza. "This festival has been a way to bridge gaps between different countries. There is always a huge crowd thronging Dasara celebrations, and many people make their first pit stop in Bengaluru, because of the easy air connectivity," says Kuchipudi dancer Veena Murthy Vijay, who is also one of the festival organisers.

Performance by a theatre group from Russia

Keeping the ongoing chaos and trauma in mind, the theme for this year is 'Celebrating Harmony Through Arts'. The festival, which has been a promoter of performing arts, music, dance and theatre, will see artistes from Russia, Japan, China, The Netherlands, USA among other countries. "Apart from these performances, Padma Vibhushan awardee Dr Sonal Mansingh is collaborating with the festival to showcase parts of Ramayana and Mahabharata," says Vijay, adding that it was a huge challenge for her to put together everything during the time of pandemic. If situations were normal, the show would have been staged in nine venues in the city, she says.

The festival is streaming live on BIAF's Facebook page till October 12 and will resume between October 16 and 18. Details are available on the Facebook page.

"If situations were normal, the show would have been staged at 9 venues across Bengaluru
—Veena Murthy Vijay, organiser, BIAF



CANCER AWARENESS

To mark World Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Samrohana Foundation presents 'Don't Shy Away' – webinars aiming at building awareness about self breast examination and others. Registration available on BookMyShow.
When: October 11 and 18

SAMOSA PARTY

Samosa party presents IPL-special specially curated samosas. The variety in the filling differs from smokey Amritsari Pindi Chana, zingy Kolkata Chilli Paneer, spicy Kerala pepper chicken and more. Orders can be placed on SamosaParty website and other food delivery platforms.
When: During IPL

TALES OF THE KITCHEN

As part of its Kitchen Stories by Chef Mahendra Thulung, Raahi – in association with Conosh– brings the flavours of the mountains on your table. The Himalayan Palate is inspired by Bhutanese, Nepali and Tibetan cuisines.
When: October 10-11
Where: St Marks Road

HEROIC TALES

Sandeep & Gitanjali Maini Foundation is conducting a webinar on 'The Untold Story of Mysore Lancers' by author Yashaswini Sharma on Zoom. The event will discuss the heroic tales of the Mysore Lancers, a group of 800-odd soldiers from Mysore, who fought for the British in World War-I.
When: 6.30pm on October 15

LEC-DEM Learning Unlearning: The how, why, what of unlearning in dance. **WHEN:** Today & tomorrow. **FOR DETAILS, CALL:**7358777797

SPACE WATCH

ARIES CONSTELLATION

Aries is a mid-size constellation that's not particularly luminous, with only a few stars that are easily visible to the naked eye. Aries lies along the zodiac, which is the band of constellations in the sky through which the sun, moon and stars appear to travel from the perspective of Earth. At the vernal equinox the sun's observed position used to be in the same spot as Aries. But since Earth's rotational orientation gradually changes over time, the vernal equinox has shifted, and the constellation now falls within Pisces, according to Encyclopedia Britannica. As Earth continues wobbling through its 26,000-year precessional cycle, 13 zodiac constellations will take turns hosting the vernal equinox. Although Aries is an ancient constellation, it was not officially recognised by the International Astronomical Union until 1922, and its boundaries were not defined until 1930 by astronomer Eugène Delporte. The Aries constellation also has few significant nebulae or galaxies. The most significant among them is probably NGC 772, a galaxy about 100 million light-years from the Milky Way. **Source: Space.com**

QUICK FIX

What's cooking

IN YOUR KITCHEN?
We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at cityexpresschn@gmail.com.

SWEET POTATO HALWA

INGREDIENTS
- **Sweet potato:** 1/4 kg
- **Jaggery:** 300 g
- **Ghee:** 2 tbsp
- **Elaichi powder:** 2 pinches
- **Cashew nuts:** 10 nos

METHOD
- Cut the sweet potato into small pieces after cleaning with water.
- In a pan, fry cashews in 1/2 spoon ghee. Remove from pan and keep them aside.
- Pour 50 ml water in the pan and add the sweet potato. Cover and cook the sweet potato.
- Powder the jaggery and dissolve in 100 ml water. Strain and filter to remove the dirt.
- Once sweet potato is cooked, add the jaggery water and stir it continuously till it thickens.
- Once it turns to halwa consistency, add elaichi powder and remaining ghee. Mix well.
- Remove from fire and transfer the halwa to a bowl. Garnish with fried cashews.

— R Radhika, Chennai

APPSMART

in:collab

A power-house network app built to discover, create, connect, communicate and collaborate, in a secured environment.
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fitpro

FitPro APP is a smart software that's compatible with smart bracelet devices. It can detect and evaluate the user's sports data, sleep quality, heart rate and blood pressure, etc.
Available on: Android & iOS

GuitarTuna

The ultimate tuner for guitar, bass, ukulele and all popular string instruments. GuitarTuna can been used by beginners and experts!
Available on: Android

FIT BIT

VIRABHADRASANA III
(WARRIOR III POSE)

In Sanskrit, 'vira' means 'hero', 'bhadra' means 'friend', and 'asana' means 'pose'. It is referred to as Warrior-Three Pose. It is a dynamic standing asana that requires balance, focus and strength. This is the final asana in the traditional three-pose Virabhadrasana series. Traditionally, it stimulates the Sahasrara (crown) chakra, thereby providing a connection to the universe and oneness with the Divine. Activating the crown chakra through this asana brings ego-free serenity, inner peace and joy.

STEPS
- Start in Tadasana.
- Take a deep inhalation and step your legs 4 to 5 feet apart.
- Exhale, turn your right foot 90 degrees to the right and the left foot 45-60 degrees to the right.
- Bend your right knee till your thigh becomes parallel to the floor and perpendicular to your shin. Your knee must be aligned right over your heel.
- Exhale and bend your trunk forward till your chest rests on your thigh. Bring your arms close to join both palms. Keep the arms straight. Hold this position for two breaths.
- Slowly shift the weight of your body on your right leg as you lift the left leg off the floor. While you raise your left leg, straighten your right leg. The left knee must face downwards. Look either straight or down.
- Your whole body becomes parallel to the floor in the final position. Once you find balance, stretch your hands forward and your leg backwards.
- Retain the pose from 5 to 30 seconds taking deep breaths.
- To come out of the pose, exhale and lower the left leg onto the floor while bending your right leg.
- Practise again on the other side.

BENEFITS
- Reduces anxiety by calming the mind and helps improve memory and concentration.
- Relieves stiffness in the neck, shoulders and back.
- Reduces stubborn fat from hips.
- Useful for people suffering from sciatica.
- Enhances blood circulation in the body.
- Tones and strengthens knees, thighs and ankles.
- Stimulates abdominal organs and aids digestion.
- Builds stamina; develops a sense of balance and coordination.

LIMITATIONS
- If you suffer from heart problems, severe neck or shoulder pain, knee pain, high blood pressure or spinal ailments, or have had a recent chronic illness, avoid this.
- Since it is an arduous pose, avoid holding it for too long.

– by N Elumalai, PhD scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

SOUNDBOARD

WRITER AND GEEK SHOW
Writer and Geek Show is a science and tech podcast. Hosts Shankar and Vishnu love geeking about tech, history, science, music and any other topic they can think of.
- On Apple Podcast

IN THE FIELD
'In The Field' is a show that attempts to capture India's development story, as it happens, through a feature-style podcast that combines interviews, commentary, and debate.
- On Stitcher

THE MUSAFIR STORIES INDIA TRAVEL PODCAST
The Musafir Stories is an audio podcast that documents Indian travel tales. Each episode, the hosts share the journey of travelers in their own words and relive their experience with listeners.
- On Spotify

ECHOES OF INDIA: A HISTORY PODCAST
From the Greek art of Afghanistan to the to the thriving ports of Tamil Nadu, host Anirudh Kanisetti takes you on a journey through historical wonder.
- On Apple Podcast

HAPPIER WITH GRETCHEN RUBIN
Author Gretchen Rubin brings her practical, manageable advice about happiness and good habits to this lively, thought-provoking podcast.
- On Google Podcast

POPULAR ON YOUTUBE

KENDASAMPIGE
Ravi, an attendant, has a love affair with Gowri, the daughter of the owner of his company. A set of events leads to him being jailed over a narcotic case. But he manages to flee with Gowri's help.
- Cast: Vikky Varun, Manvitha Harish

YAARE KOOGADALI
Kumara and Natesha escape from a mental hospital and come to the city. They are soon chased by a gangster while their actual truth is revealed.
- Cast: Puneeth Rajkumar, Bhavana

MYTHRI
Siddarama is one step away from winning a sum of `one crore in a game show hosted by his favourite actor Puneeth Rajkumar. However, scientist Mahadev Godke attempts to ruin his plans.
- Cast: Mohanlal, Puneeth Rajkumar

BAASHA
Rickshaw driver Manickam is a man who avoids violence at all costs. However, when his brother, a cop, gets into trouble with some goons, it triggers a set of events that revive Manickam's old self.
- Cast: Rajnikanth, Nagma, Raghuvaran, Janagaraj

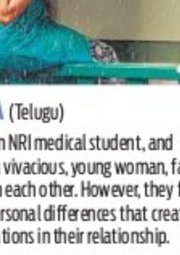
Scan this QR code to find out how your favourite celebs are coping with the lockdown.

WHAT'S ON TED TALKS

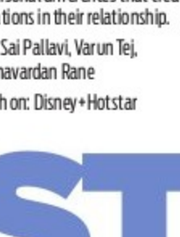
1 CAN YOU SOLVE THE FALSE POSITIVE RIDDLE? BY ALEX GENDLER
Mining unobtainium is hard work — the rare mineral appears in only 1% of rocks in the mine. But your friend Tricky Joe has something up his sleeve. The unobtainium detector he's been perfecting for months is finally ready, and it returns accurate readings 90% of the time. But can it really be trusted? Alex Gendler explains the false positive paradox.

2 THREE WAYS TO DESTROY THE UNIVERSE
They say all things must come to an end. Does this include the universe? This video explores current theories on the end of... everything.

3 INSIDE THE MINDS OF ANIMALS BY BRYAN B RASMUSSEN
Do animals think? It's a question that has intrigued scientists for thousands of years. Bryan B Rasmussen navigates through this controversial question, showing how determining intelligence often says more about how humans think than about anything else.



4 HOW DO DAILY HABITS LEAD TO POLITICAL VIOLENCE? BY CHRISTIANE-MARIE ABU SARAH
Behavioural historian Christiane-Marie Abu Sarah shares startling insights into how seemingly mundane choices can breed polarisation that lead to extreme, even deadly, actions — and explains how to identify and bypass these behaviours in order to rediscover common ground.



5 ONE SEED AT A TIME, PROTECTING THE FUTURE OF FOOD BY CARY FOWLER
The wheat, corn and rice we grow today may not thrive in a future threatened by climate change. Cary Fowler takes us inside the Svalbard Global Seed Vault, a vast treasury buried within a frozen mountain in Norway, that stores a diverse group of food-crop seeds...for whatever tomorrow may bring.

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

BAHUT HUA SAMMAAN (Hindi)
With their planned heist gone wrong, Bony and Fundoo get inextricably involved in the pursuit of 'Kohinoor' — quite possibly the biggest scandal the country will ever witness.
- Cast: Sanjay Mishra, Ram Kapoor, Raghav Juyal
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar

ATHIRAN (Malayalam)
Dr Nair, a psychiatrist, visits a mental asylum located in a remote location in Kerala. He meets a patient, Nithya, who is kept in isolation, and soon uncovers mysteries from her past.
- Cast: Fahadh Faasil, Sai Pallavi, Leona Lishoy, Atul Kulkarni
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar

JERSEY (Telugu)
Arjun, a talented but failed cricketer, decides to return to cricket in his late thirties driven by the desire to represent the Indian cricket team and fulfil his son's wish for a jersey as a gift.
- Cast: Nani, Shraddha Srinath, Harish Kalyan
- Watch on: Disney+ Hotstar

MAYABAZAR 2016 (Kannada)
An honest policeman, a con man, and a hopeless romantic form an unusual team during the days of demonetization to pull off a scam that quickly goes haywire.
- Cast: Raj B Shetty, Achyuth Kumar
- Watch on: Amazon Prime Video

VAANAM KOTTATUM (Tamil)
A man is arrested for murder and put behind bars which leads to his family breaking apart. However, when he is released, he attempts to reconcile with his loved ones but is haunted by the past.
- Cast: Sarathkumar, Raadhika Sarathkumar, Vikram Prabhu, Madonna Sebastian
- Watch on: Amazon Prime

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

BHARJARI (Kannada)
Surya, an orphan raised by the best friend of his deceased mother, wants to become a soldier. He falls in love with a woman but soon gets an offer to join the army.
- Cast: Dhruva Sarja, Rachita Ram, Vaishali Deepak
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar

FIDAA (Telugu)
Varun, an NRI medical student, and Bhanu, a vivacious, young woman, fall in love with each other. However, they face many personal differences that create complications in their relationship.
- Cast: Sai Pallavi, Varun Tej, Harshavardan Rane
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar

ENGLISH

THE JUNGLE BOOK
Mowgli is a boy brought up in the jungle by a pack of wolves. When Sher Khan, a tiger, threatens to kill him, a panther and a bear help him escape his clutches.
- Cast: Neel Sethi, Ben Kingsley, Jon Favreau, Scarlett Johansson
- Watch on: Disney+Hotstar

EMILY IN PARIS (Series)
A girl from the Midwest is hired to provide an American perspective at a marketing firm in Paris.
- Cast: Lily Collins, Ashley Park, Lucas Bravo, Camille Razat
- Watch on: Netflix

THE THEORY OF EVERYTHING
Stephen Hawking, an excellent astrophysics student working on his research, learns that he suffers from motor neurone disease and has around two years to live.
- Cast: Eddie Redmayne, Felicity Jones, Emily Watson, David Thewlis
- Watch on: Amazon Prime

THE GOOD PLACE (Series)
Eleanor, a deceased saleswoman who lived a morally corrupt life, finds herself in a heaven-like afterlife in a case of mistaken identity and tries to hide her past in order to stay there.
- Cast: Ted Danson, Kristen Bell, William Jackson Harper, Manny Jacinto, Jameela Jamil, D'Arcy Carden
- Watch on: Netflix

SUBSCRIPTION COSTS
Amazon Prime: ₹ 129 per month
Netflix: ₹199 per month
Disney+Hotstar: ₹ 399 per year

RUBINATIONS

RUBI CHAKRAVARTI

COSMIC CONNECTION – KARMA AND THE DERRIERE!

Good morning my people!

After going through a whole gamut of emotions this year, ranging from the sublime to the ridiculous, I now find myself in an amused state of mind. Please don't get me wrong. I'd much rather be gregarious and giggly, than be depressed and dowdy. Philosophers and their ilk somberly shake their heads and rhetorically talk about the world being a 'funny' place. But honest to goodness, the world and its inhabitants are hilarious! One just has to look in the right place at the right time to see the absolute irony and hilarity of the situation. They say that 'karma' is female species of a 'Canis lupus familiaris' (dog for the uninitiated), and one must be careful of ones actions and words, as at any time, karma may turn into the above mentioned, and take a big chunk out of ones buttocks.

But very few people take this warning seriously. Take, for example, a very orange, obese and prone to exaggerate leader. He made a whole lot of people (especially the ones with little or no melanin in their skins) believe that Cardi V was a hoax and that wearing a mask and taking precautions was violating their basic human rights! He boldly held press conferences and debates, where he blatantly passed off ludicrous numbers as true and factual, while the doctors and scientists standing behind him had their Adam's apple bobbing up and down with embarrassment! Now he has contracted the virus! He has probably infected the majority of his staff as he arrogantly and irresponsibly threw off his mask as he entered his residence. How can one not see the ludicrousness of the situation and laugh especially since he wife will probably slap his hand away more viciously as he clumsily tries to grab it!

Maybe pure evil has managed to conquer karma after all. Maybe karma only indulges in payback if you are a small time transgressor. Otherwise how does one explain the magical recovery of some of our sleaziest politicians not once but twice from 'the virus attack'! If one is hell bent of wasting our tax-money, then I demand a CBI inquiry into this. How come as tax-payers we have to run from pillar to post for beds in hospitals while the geriatric sleazy brigade not only get rooms (twice!) but recover to carry on their shenanigans! The nation wants to know! Also I want to amuse myself watching a particular anchor, froth from the mouth, roll on the ground and repeat himself ad-nauseam. Maybe the orange person and the screamer went to the same (now defunct) school of theatrics and exaggerated claims! Now tell me folks. After months of sidestepping, sometimes telling the blatant untruths, making a mockery of justice and its agencies, conducting hilarious media-trials, we now learn it was all for cheap ratings and some obscure elections! We can froth at the mouth or choose to see the irony in the situation and have a good laugh while the police try to find some wrong doing in the manipulations of the TRP's and contemplate putting the 'screamers' behind bars…. just hilarious! And it all started with the unfortunate suicide of a troubled young soul…

Meanwhile, Bangalore seems to want to get back to the 'old normal' with gusto. The malls in the CBD area and the pubs and bars are doing brisk business. It's a little alarming to see that most people don't wear masks or wear them like chin guards or below their noses.

The Taj West End opened a new restaurant, Machan which has already gained an iconic status in Delhi. I too went at the gentle urging of their GM Somnath Mukherjee and my pal Arjun. A great evening spent outdoors on their beautiful lawns where we met up old friends. It was an act of love not to hug them…This too must end now.

(The author's views are her own)

GM Taj West End Somnath Mukherjee and Arjun Pandalai

Pooja Dhingra's new online workshops, featuring chefs from namma Ooru as well, covers everything from Indian street food and French desserts to Korean noodles and Thai cuisine

PLATE PERFECT

What to expect

OCT 10: Food Styling with Shivesh Bhatia
OCT 11: Eggless Cheesecake with Pooja Dhingra
OCT 17: Asian Sauce Like A Boss with Harsh Dixit
OCT 18: Indian Street Food with Amninder Sandhu
OCT 24: Ice Cream 101 with Varun Sheth
OCT 24: Next Level Brownies with Vinesh Johny
OCT 31: Pizza At Home with Manu Chandra
OCT 31: The Real Thai Class with Seefah

We'll have a virtual assistant from Studio Fifteen, assisting each chef and interacting with the students. For most of the classes, this assistant will be me

—Pooja Dhingra, chef

During the culinary workshop, I will be making desserts that are not pretentious but will be recipes that will turn out delicious

—Vinesh Johny, chef

Simran Ahuja

If there's one skill everyone seems to have mastered during the lockdown, it's cooking and baking. And with no vaccine in sight, the virus seems like it is here to stay. But when the going is tough, the tough get going. Or that seems to be principle Pooja Dhingra is adopting. The Mumbai-based pastry chef is launching an eight-week series of culinary workshops, featuring chefs from across India, including Bengaluru's Manu Chandra and Vinesh Johny.

"There was a gap for online food courses from professional chefs," says Dhingra, who set up Le15 Patisserie kitchen in March 2010. She then went on to conceptualise Studio Fifteen seven years ago, to bring out culinary workshops and pop up meals. The founder of Le 15 Patisserie, which had to shut down its flagship cafe due to the pandemic, continues, "I saw this as a great opportunity to bring the studio back to life for a short period to celebrate learning with the country's best talent," she says. The series also features chefs Prateek Sadhu, Amninder Sandhu, Seefah Ketchaiyo, Shilarna Vaze, Harsh Dixit, Shivesh Bhatia, Neha Sumitran, Divesh Aswani and Kelvin Cheung.

The classes begin on October 10 and go on every weekend until Dec. 6. Participants can learn international and homegrown cuisines, plant-based cooking, street food, dessert making and food styling. Though a virtual class, Dhingra has planned to make them personal. "We'll have a virtual assistant from Studio Fifteen, assisting each chef and interacting with the students. For most of the classes, this assistant will be me," she says.

Dhingra, who is often called 'India's Macaron Queen', will also teach participants how to make the classic French dessert in one of the classes, along with an eggless cheesecake in another one. The classes featuring city chefs Manu Chandra and Vinesh Johny will cover gourmet style pizzas and 'next level brownies', respectively. "I want to ensure the participants enjoy themselves. During the workshop, I'd be making desserts that aren't pretentious but will be recipes that will turn out delicious," says Johny, who will whip up some Life Changing Brownies, Hazelnut Dacquoise, Orange Marmalade and Hazelnut Caramel Ganache. Chandra, who is the chef partner at The Olive Group of Restaurants, adds, "It's not all quick recipes that I would be showcasing, but with a little effort, one can achieve remarkable results at home."

The workshops begin on Oct. 10 and are priced at ₹1,770 each. Register: insider.in

Dawn of a new stage

Simran Ahuja

B V Shrunga in *Sankramana*

When India went under lockdown in March, Ranga Shankara was among the first to go online with their theatre activities for World Theatre Day, which fell on March 27. And yet, the city-based theatre space waited until October to launch their 'Staged@RS' digital streaming programme. This Saturday (October 10), they will stream their first play, recorded at Ranga Shankara's very own stage just for this initiative, at 7.30pm. Speaking about the long wait, founder **Arundhati Nag** says, "It just took us some time to understand the copyright laws with regards to works that go up on streaming platforms and how to monetise it."

Each month, a new play will be streamed for 10 days. For the inaugural edition, the theatre space is all ready with a pre-recorded version of *Sankramana*, which has been directed by Surendranath S. The play – which the director has also translated the play into Kannada from Kamtanath's Hindi original *Sankraman* – features veteran actors Sihi Kahi Chandru, Kalpana Naganath and B V Shrunga in the cast. "It's not a family drama, it's not a comedy, it's not a Greek tragedy," explains Nag of the play, which has been set in a typical middle-class house in any town in Karnataka and has each of the actor's delivering a monologue. "It's just a comment on society that each family is dysfunctional and has its own set of kinks," says Nag, adding that they wanted to perform plays with a small cast to experiment with.

Before the play is streamed, viewers can also enjoy a short video, with quick cuts of the beloved theatre space. It starts from the entrance, moves onto the steps and the cafe, stops on the pictures on the wall and finally leads up to the auditorium and the stage. "And of course, we had to have Girish Karnad's recording reminding viewers to turn off their phones as well," adds Nag. Reopening the theatre space for plays, she asserts, will only happen once the coronavirus situation improves. "We aren't a commercial enterprise. The well-being of the artist community and our audience is priority for us."

After *Sankramana's* premiere on October 10, the play will be streamed from October 11 to 18 as well, with a show at 7.30pm every day, and extra shows on Sundays (October 11 and 18) at 11am. Upcoming plays as part of the initiative include Akshayambara, which will be directed by Sharanya Ramprakash; Abhishek Majumdar's Desdemona Rupakam and 1 Madhav Bagh, which will be a solo act by Revathy.

Tickets for Sankramana (₹200) will be available on bookmyshow.com

SOULFUL

Art, beauty and creation

Most of us are constantly trying to escape from ourselves; and as art offers a respectable and easy means of doing so, it plays a significant part in the lives of many people. In the desire for self-forgetfulness, some turn to art, others take to drink, while still others follow mysterious and fanciful religious doctrines.

When, consciously or unconsciously, we use something to escape from ourselves, we become addicted to it. To depend on a person, a poem, or what you will, as a means of release from our worries and anxieties, though momentarily enriching, only creates further conflict and contradiction in our lives.

The state of creativeness cannot exist where there is conflict, and the right kind of education should therefore help the individual to face his problems and not glorify the ways of escape; it should help him to understand and eliminate conflict, for only then can this state of creativeness come into being.

Art divorced from life has no great significance. When art is separate from our daily living, when there is a gap between our instinctual life and our efforts on canvas, in marble or in words, then art becomes merely an expression of our superficial desire to escape from the reality of what is. To bridge this gap is very arduous, especially for those who are gifted and technically proficient; but it is only when the gap is bridged that our life becomes integrated and art an integral expression of ourselves.

Mind has the power to create illusion; and without understanding its ways, to seek inspiration is to invite self-deception. Inspiration comes when we are open to it, not when we are courting it. To attempt to gain inspiration through any form of stimulation leads to all kinds of delusions.

Unless one is aware of the significance of existence, capacity or gift gives emphasis and importance to the self and its cravings. it tends to make the individual self-centred and separative; he feels himself to be an entity apart, a superior being, all of which breeds many evils and causes ceaseless strife and pain. The self is a bundle of many entities, each opposed to the others. It is a battlefield of conflicting desires, a centre of constant struggle between the "mine" and the "not-mine"; and as long as we give importance to the self, to the "me" and the "mine," there will be increasing conflict within ourselves and in the world.

A true artist is beyond the vanity of the self and its ambitions. To have the power of brilliant expression, and yet be caught in worldly ways, makes for a life of contradiction and strife. Praise and adulation, when taken to heart, inflate the ego and destroy receptivity, and the worship of success in any field is obviously detrimental to intelligence.

Any tendency or talent which makes for isolation, any form of self-identification, however stimulating, distorts the expression of sensitivity and brings about insensitivity. Sensitivity is dulled when gift becomes personal, when importance is given to the "me" and the "mine" – I paint, I write, I invent. It is only when we are aware of every movement of our own thought and feeling in our relationship with people, with things and with nature, that the mind is open, pliable, not tethered to self-protective demands and pursuits; and only then is there sensitivity to the ugly and the beautiful, unhindered by the self.

- Jiddu Krishnamurti

CITY READ

Mental health internship for students

Billabong High International Schools collaborated with Fortis Hospital to provide virtual internship programme to their students on mental health. The one-week programme is structured for students of grade 11/AS and level 12/A with their specialisation in psychology. As part of the internship, children will dedicate one hour daily on a virtual platform for Fortis Hospitals. Students will receive a certificate upon successful completion of the internship. Students will get a hands-on mental health project within the hospital set up under the guidance of professionals.

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Roberrt director Tharun Kishore Sudhir launches

OWN PRODUCTION HOUSE

The writer, actor and director will be co-producing Sharan's upcoming project under his banner, Tharun Sudhir Kreatiivez to be directed by Jadesh Kumar

Sharan

Jadesh Kumar Hampi

A Sharadhaa

Filmmaker Tharun Kishore Sudhir has launched his own production house, Tharun Sudhir Kreatiivez, which was announced on the occasion of his birthday.

Tharun was associated with various projects before he made his directorial debut with *Chowka* in 2017. The director's second film, *Roberrt*, starring Darshan and produced by Umapathy Gowda, is now getting ready for release.

Tharun will be co-producing Sharan's upcoming project to be directed by Jadesh Kumar Hampi. He will also be the creative head of the film, which is bankrolled in association with Laddoo Cinemas, a production house owned by actor Sharan.

"I have been associated with Sharan since the days he was a comedian till his 100th film *Rambo* as a hero. I also co-produced his *Rambo 2*. This upcoming project, directed by Jadesh Kumar, will officially be my first production venture and it will be a new genre for both of us," says Tharun.

The team plans to start shooting for the film in November after Sharan completes Suni's *Avatar Purusha*.

Tharun Kishore Sudhir

The romantic comedy, directed by Naveen Dwarakanath, has her paired opposite *Dia*-fame hero Pruthvi Ambaar

MILANA NAGARAJ JOINS *FOR REGN*

CE Features

Milana Nagaraj is on board *For Regn*. She will be paired opposite *Dia*-fame Pruthvi Ambaar in the romantic comedy directed by Naveen Dwarakanath.

Debutant Naveen is an IT techie-turned-filmmaker who has made documentaries and short films like *Shadow, Harivina Haadi* and *Yellow Board*.

The success of *Love Mocktail* has made Milana choosy about her projects and she has taken her time to finalise her next. The actor reveals that she turned down 20 scripts before green-lighting *For Regn*.

"I was not in a hurry because I have the *Love Mocktail* sequel, which I am also co-producing. So, I took the time to choose a good subject. *For Regn* is a good choice and will be a different film," says Milana, who reveals that it was the title that attracted her first. "It is a clean family entertainer with crazy comedy. Youngsters as well as old will find it very relatable," she adds.

For Regn, produced by Naveen Rao, also features Tabla Nani in a key role. It has music by Harisha R and cinematography by Vivek SK. The team has planned to kickstart the shooting in December.

Milana Nagaraj

Pruthvi Ambaar

Parul Yadav

Pannaga Bharana teams up with Parul Yadav for a comedy entertainer?

CE Features

French Biriyani director Pannaga Bharana is getting ready for his next project, and speculations are rife that he is collaborating with *Butterfly* actor and producer Parul Yadav. The buzz has been sparked after the director and music director Vasuki Vaibhav were spotted at the actor's residence. According to our source, the duo will be teaming up for a comedy entertainer.

"We have just begun the discussions and it is too early to confirm anything. Any further details on this will be revealed as and when we lock the script," says Parul Yadav, who in the meanwhile, is also in discussions for another subject, which will see her in a de-glam avatar. "I have one more interesting project in hand, which hopefully will get finalised by the end of the month, at which time I will be more than happy to talk about it," she adds.

Meanwhile, Parul Yadav, who dons the producers' hat along with Manu Kumaran for the remakes of Queen in the four south Indian languages, is looking forward for a theatrical release for the remakes.

Reeshma Nanaiah waits to resume shoot for Prem's *Ek Love Ya* from Oct 12

Having been busy with online classes so far, the actor is now rehearsing for the song sequence she will be shooting shortly

CE Features

The acting bug has caught Reeshma Nanaiah, so much so the newcomer who is juggling her studies and acting career can't wait to get back to the film sets of her debut film, *Ek Love Ya*. The film, directed by Prem, will be Raana's debut launch vehicle with whom Reeshma will be sharing screen space. The romantic drama will also feature Rachita Ram in the lead role, along with Rakshita who will make a guest appearance.

Reeshma, who has been busy attending online classes until a couple of days ago, has now got busy with rehearsals, as she starts shooting for a song sequence from October 12, which is when the team plans to resume shooting. "The first three days of the shoot will take place in Bengaluru, and will then move to Ooty after which some patchwork requires to be done," says Reeshma, adding, "The last time I faced the arc lights was in February, and it has been nearly eight months. Initially, I was okay with the lockdown, but later it started getting on my nerves. Though I tried to keep myself busy and fit with dancing and working out, there's no better feeling than being in front of the camera," she says.

Ek Love Ya is made under the banner Rakshita Film Factory, and has Arjun Janya scoring the music. Mahendra Simha is handling the cinematography.

After *Ek Love Ya*, Reshma's next will be *Maarga*. A commercial entertainer, it marks the directorial debut of Mohan, and will see her sharing screen space with Chetan and Kushi. "*Maarga* will be my second film, and I am yet to begin shoot for it," she says.

Reeshma Nanaiah

SLOPPILY EVER AFTER

Shilajit Mitra

Movie name: Ginny weds Sunny
Cast: Vikrant Massey, Yami Gautam, Ayesha Raza Mishra
Streaming on: Netflix

RATING 2/5

Arranged marriages are a busy affair in India. Often, they involve a degree of espionage. Even before Ginny (Yami Gautam) and Sunny (Vikrant Massey) have met, their parents are swapping notes and plotting to set them up. Such broad breach of privacy should ideally annoy most children. Sunny, though, is delighted. He regards himself out of Ginny's league, and thus will need all the help he can get.

Debutant Puneet Khanna's film takes the 'parents-play-cupid' setup and stretches itself thin over two hours. Ginny's mother (Ayesha Raza Mishra) runs a matrimonial service but struggles to pack off her own daughter. Flustered, she assists Sunny — who needs to get married to secure his own restaurant — in winning her over. Ginny, meanwhile, is hung up on her ex-boyfriend and can't seem to make up her mind. That's not all. The film, in a bid to underline her dilemma, introduces an absent father complex — a trope so worn it almost beats the generic soundtrack.

The opening hour is a buffet of Delhi sights and sounds. At a wedding, Sunny's dad sidles away to 'wet his whistle'. Sunny doesn't go, lovestruck by Ginny and breaking into an impromptu Bhangra number. After following her around half the city and all but blowing his chances, he joins her on a trip to Mussoorie. This is the only watchable stretch in the film — the old-fashioned 'Rubaru' cutting through otherwise stock scenes.

Ginny desires love but is confused about marriage. Sunny favours marriage but is puzzled over love. Writers Navjot Gulati and Sumit Arora can't tell love from marriage. Indeed, as the film reveals its emotional coordinates (it's in the title!), the rest of the journey begins to feel like a drag. It's a cardinal sin for any romantic comedy to become too obvious — a fact that seems to escape the best of writers. The haphazard conflicts — Sunny agreeing to marry someone else, a third suitor turning up at Ginny's door — further reveal this gap.

Vikrant pulls his best Diljit Dosanjh impressions as a swooning Delhi lad. There's a scene where Sunny, soft, faltering and fond of his kitchen tools, bursts out angrily in his shop. The moment is meant to suggest his repressed masculinity, but Vikrant, one of the gentlest male leads around, also makes him vulnerable. Yami has the opposite task — indicating tenderness while remaining closed-off — and fairs well. Her presence, however, automatically recalls Vicky Donor (2012), the film that set the template for the Delhi romcom. *Ginny Weds Sunny*, while drawing on the lingo and the quirk, adds precious little to the genre.